

East Central Community College



1998-99
Warrior Handbook

ACCREDITATION

East Central Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone Number (404) 679-4501, to award the Associate Degree.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

East Central Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. The College is in compliance with Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. The Dean of Instruction and the Dean of Students have been designated as the administrators in their areas to receive and investigate complaints and carry out responsibilities in conformity with the aforesaid acts and their amendments.

DRUG FREE SCHOOL

East Central Community College adheres to the requirements of the Drug Free Workplace Act and the Drug Free Schools Act passed by the United States Congress and signed by the President. The possession, manufacture or distribution of controlled substances is a violation of college rules and regulations. Please refer to the appropriate policies and disciplinary procedures outlined in this handbook for more details.

STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT

In compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, Public Law 101-542, November 8, 1990, as amended 1993, East Central Community College provides statistical data on its graduates and the Campus Security Report. For further information, students may contact the Dean of Students.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to East Central Community College! We're glad you're here and that you have chosen to continue your education at our college.

Our slogan, ECCC - WITH YOU IN MIND, very accurately reflects our concern for the needs of the individual student. We want to provide YOU with all the assistance possible while you are enrolled here as a student and after you graduate.

East Central Community College offers many opportunities for growth and personal fulfillment in addition to those provided in the classrooms. Please involve yourself in the clubs, sports, religious organizations, and other activities that are of interest to you so that you will receive the maximum benefit from your stay here at East Central.

Remember, we're here for YOU. Do not hesitate to seek assistance when needs arise.

Again, welcome!

Thank you.

Eddie M. Smith
President

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the Student Body Association, I would like to welcome you to East Central Community College. We are happy that you have chosen East Central as the place to further your education.

Whether you are a returning student or here for the first time, the Student Body Association is here to assist you in any way possible. We are proud of our college--its academic reputation, its athletics, its faculty and staff, its students, and its opportunities. We want you to be proud of your college, too. We would like for your time here to be both memorable and rewarding.

There is something at East Central for everyone, including you. Countless activities await your participation. Your time here can be as great as you want it to be; it is all up to you. We encourage you to engage in the opportunities on campus so that you will profit from all that East Central has to offer. Remember, at ECCC, everything we do is "With You In Mind."

Again, welcome to East Central Community College and the Warrior family!

Sincerely,

Laura Ming
SBA President

PURPOSE OF THE COLLEGE

East Central Community College seeks to fulfill the education needs of its students from the five-county district which it serves. In a continuing effort to meet these needs, the College, through its Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff, conceives its purpose to be to provide instruction and service. To achieve its instructional goals, the College provides programs of instruction which incorporate knowledge and skills applicable to life in a complex world society. In addition to offering its students opportunities for their mental, physical, and emotional development, the College, as a service provider, also offers the constituencies of the district counties opportunities for assistance for growth and advancement.

To successfully fulfill its purpose, East Central Community College provides, at minimum cost, a variety of programs which include senior college or university parallel, technical, health-related, vocational, adult, and remedial education. The College further subscribes to and provides for self-improvement through its continuing education programs, community services, workforce training, small business development, career exploration resources, special workshops, and other opportunities.

Through curricular and extracurricular activities, the College provides experiences which lead to the development of the total individual. In addition to academic advisement/intervention, these experiences include opportunities for participation and leadership in campus activities and student organizations.

INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

1. To provide effective instructional programs for the first two years of university-parallel curricula to prepare students for successful transfer to senior institutions.
2. To provide vocational, technical, and health-related programs designed to prepare students for immediate employment.
3. To provide a developmental program of instruction to raise basic skills levels of students whose academic foundation requires strengthening.
4. To provide enriched educational experiences for academically talented students.
5. To provide guidance, counseling, and other student services to aid students in the attainment of personal, educational, and occupational goals.
6. To provide specialized training programs which will develop a productive work force for new and expanding district businesses and industries.
7. To provide administrative services to support the faculty in its commitment to offer a high quality, innovative educational program for students.
8. To offer community services, continuing education programs, and adult basic education programs to meet the educational, occupational, and personal needs of both youth and adults and to cooperate with high schools and service agencies in providing community education programs.
9. To serve a cultural and recreational center for the service area by offering a broad range of programs to enrich the community and to enhance creative expression in music, dance, theater arts, visual arts, sports, and recreation.

1998-99 : THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

FIRST SEMESTER

July	31	Application for admission should be on file by this date
Aug.	8	Summer orientation for new students
	6	Begin band practice
	9	Begin football practice
	10-12	Faculty meetings and workshops
	14	Final orientation and registration
	16	Residence halls open at 2:00 p.m.
	17	Begin day classes, late registration fee charged beginning at 8:00 a.m.
	17-20	Evening registrations at 6:30 p.m.
	24	Begin evening classes
	28	Last day to register or change classes
Sept.	7	Labor Day Holiday
	25	Last day to remove I's of previous semester
Oct.	12-13	Fall break
	14	Mid-term grades due in the Admissions Office at 8:00 a.m.
Nov.	23	Spring semester advance registration begins
	25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
	30	Resume class schedule
Dec	4	Last day to drop a course with a W
	11	Last day of regular classes
	14-17	Final examinations
	17	Christmas Holidays begin for students at 12:30 p.m. Residence halls close at 2:00 p.m. Final grades due in Records Office at 2:30 p.m.

SECOND SEMESTER

Jan.	8	Completion of orientation and registration
	10	Residence Halls open at 4:00 p.m.
	11	Begin day classes, late registration fee charged beginning at 8:00 a.m.
	11-14	Evening registrations at 6:30 p.m.
	18	Martin Luther King Holiday
	19	Begin evening classes
	22	Last day to register or change classes
Feb.	19	Last day to remove I's of previous semester
Mar.	5	Spring Holidays begin at 3:15 p.m./residence halls close at 4:00 p.m.
	15	Resume class schedule
	17	Mid-term grades due in Records Office at 8:00 a.m.
Apr.	2	Easter Holiday
	19	Fall semester advance registration begins
	30	Last day to drop a course with a W
May	7	Last day of regular classes
	10-13	Final examinations
	13	Final grades due in Admissions Office by 2:30 p.m.
	14	Spring Commencement at 8:00 p.m.

1999 SUMMER SESSION

INTERCESSION

May	17	Registration and classes begin (special three-week classes)
	31	Memorial Day
June	4	Inter-session end

FIRST SEMESTER

June	7	Registration
	8	Classes begin
	9	Last day to register for first term
	10	Honors Orientation for new students
	19	Summer Orientation for new students
	25	Last day to drop a course with a W
July	1	Summer Orientation for new students
	2	(Finals) First term ends

SECOND SEMESTER

July	5	Independence Day Holiday
	6	Registration
	7	Classes begin
	8	Last day to register for second term
	14	Summer Orientation for new students
	23	Last day to drop a course with a W
	30	Second term ends
Aug	7	Summer Orientation for new students

**SCHEDULE FOR
ACTIVITY PERIOD
TUESDAY
1998-99**

September	1	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	3	Students meet with their advisors
	8	Open
	15	Open
	22	Open
	29	Phi Theta Kappa
October	6	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	13	Open
	20	Students meet with their advisors
	27	Phi Theta Kappa
November	3	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	10	Open
	17	Open
	24	Phi Theta Kappa
December	1	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	8	Phi Theta Kappa
January	19	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	21	Students meet with their advisors
	26	Phi Theta Kappa
February	2	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	9	Open
	16	Open
	23	Phi Theta Kappa
March	2	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	16	Open
	23	Students meet with their advisors
	30	Phi Theta Kappa
April	6	Curriculum and special interest clubs
	13	Open
	20	Open
	27	Phi Theta Kappa

CAMPUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

In addition to the teaching faculty, East Central Community College has employed several individuals whose primary responsibilities center around delivering support services to the student body. The following is a list of those campus services and resources and the persons you may contact regarding them.

Admissions	Raymond McMullan Director of Admissions, Records, and Research (Student Services Building)
Advising Concerns	Michael Alexander, Academic Counselor (Student Services Building) Jimmy Dempsey, Vocational-Technical Counselor (Vocational-Technical Building) Lanette Hanna, Recruiter/Career Center Director (Student Services Building)
Athletics	Sammy Pace, Athletic Director (Physical Education Building)
Bookstore	Bookstore Manager (Bookstore)
Campus Security	Joe Killens, Director of Student Life (Student Services Building)
Career Information	Lanette Hanna, Recruiter/Tech-Prep Career Center Director (Student Services Building)
Dormitory Council	Joe Killens, Director of Student Life (Student Services Building)
Emergency Phone Center	Angie Hartness, Secretary (Student Services Building)
Financial Assistance	Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid (Student Services Building)
Food Service	Scott Geltzer, Food Service Manager (Mabry Memorial Cafeteria)
Game Room	Mike Anderson, Director of Intramural Sports and the Activity Center (Activity Center)

Housing	Joe Killens, Director of Student Life (Student Services Building)
Information Center	Angie Hartness, Secretary (Student Services Building)
Insurance	Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research (Student Services Building)
Intramurals	Mike Anderson, Director of Intramural Sports and the Activity Center (Activity Center)
Learning Skills Center	Mary Hanson (Newton Hall)
Loans	Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid Burma Weidler, Assistant to the Director (Student Services Building)
Lost and Found	Angie Hartness, Secretary (Student Services Building)
Mail	Angie Hartness, Secretary (Student Services Building)
Medical Needs	Gloria Rigdon, School Nurse Mary Humphries, School Nurse (Student Center, Second Floor)
Part-Time Employment	Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid (Student Services Building)
Payment of Fees	Harvey Trapp, Business Manager (Administration Building)
Personal Problems	Michael Alexander, Academic Counselor (Student Services Building) Jimmy Dempsey, Vocational-Technical Counselor (Vocational-Technical Building) Lanette Hanna, Recruiter/Career Center Director (Student Services Building)
Publicity Information	Bubby Johnston, Director of Public Information (Administration Building)

Registration Process	Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research (Student Services Building)
Residence Hall Keys and Maintenance	Joe Killens, Director of Student Life (Student Services Building)
Roommate Concerns	Joe Killens, Director of Student Life (Student Services Building)
Scholarships	Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid (Student Services Building)
Student Government	Randall E. Lee, Dean of Students (Student Services Building)
Student Activities	Randall E. Lee, Dean of Students (Student Services Building) Mike Anderson, Director of Intramural Sports and Activity Center (Activity Center) Joe Killens, Director of Student Life (Student Services Building) Laura Ming, SBA President (Student Services Building)
Student Newspaper	Virginia Pace, TOM-TOM Sponsor (Newton Hall)
Student Organizations	Randall E. Lee, Dean of Students (Student Services Building)
Veterans Information	Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research (Student services Building)
Work Study	Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid Cathy Carucci, Assistant to the Director (Student Services Building)
Yearbook	Melinda Smith, WO-HE-LO Co-Sponsor (Newton Hall) Patsy Moore, WO-HE-LO Co-Sponsor

CLASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY

8:00 - 8:50
9:00 - 9:50
10:00 - 10:50
11:00 - 11:50
12:00 - 12:50
1:00 - 1:50
2:00 - 3:15

TUESDAY/THURSDAY

8:00 - 9:15
9:25 - 10:40
10:45 - 11:25
11:30 - 12:45
12:55 - 2:10
2:20 - 3:35

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS

Associate Degree Nursing	Nancy Harris
Fine Arts	Bruce Guraedy
Communications	Linda Baucum Pierce
Mathematics	Dr. Shelby Harris
Science	Ron Davis
Social Science, Business Administration and Education	Mr. Thomas Thrash
Vocational-Technical	John Adcock

FACULTY ADVISORS

Art	Bruce Guraedy
Associate Degree Nursing	Nancy Harris
Athletics (Football)	Timmy Coats Terry Underwood
Agriculture	Michael Alexander
Biology/Chemistry	Betty Hennington Thomas Key
Business Administration	Tom Carson Jamie Clark Charles Hinson Roberta Holt Wanda Moore Sammy Pace
Business Education	Lois McMullan
Computer Science	L.B. Bullock Bobby Thrash
Elementary Education	Bill Lovett Gloria McRae Alice Pouncey
Engineering	Dr. Shelby Harris
Forestry	Michael Alexander

Liberal Arts	Leonard Barrier Tom Carson Jamie Clark Marty Cooper Dr. Richard Ethridge Lanette Hanna Marcus McCool Maxine McKee Gary Ann Moore Sammy Pace Virginia Pace Linda B. Pierce Carol Shackelford Melinda Smith Tommy Thrash Juanita West
Medical Technology	Ron Davis Patty Davis
Music (Instrumental)	Jarod Brownlee Tom Carson Tonya Morgan Leesa Wilkinson
Music (Vocal)	Charles Hinson Ross Price
Physical Education	Lucille Wood
Physical Therapy	Ron Davis Patti Davis
Poultry Science	Michael Alexander
Pre-Dentistry	Dr. Richard Fisher
Pre-Medicine	Dr. Richard Fisher
Pre-Nursing	Nancy Harris Wendy Buchanan Monelle Clifton Patrica Gaddis Cynthia M. Gaudin Lisa Gorgas Brenda W. Kirby Martha McElhenney Kasandra K. Reynolds
Pre-Pharmacy	Al Deaton

Pre-Veterinary Medicine	Dr. Richard Fisher
Secondary Education	Lois McMullan Gloria McRae
Sports Medicine	Lucille Wood

1998 ECCC WARRIOR FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 3	Northwest	Senatobia	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 10	Itawamba	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 17	East MS	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 24	Co-Lin	Wesson	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 1	Southwest	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 10*	Hinds	Decatur	2:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 17	Jones	Ellisville	2:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 22	MS Delta	Moorehead	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 29	Pearl River	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 5	Gulf Coast	Biloxi	7:00 p.m.

*HOMECOMING

COACHES: Terry Underwood, Head Football Coach
Timmy Coats, Assistant
Steve Kelly, Assistant
Todd Mangum, Assistant

1998-99 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November	2-3	Mon/Tues	Jones Tournament
	10	Tuesday*	Holmes
	12	Thursday*	Bishop State
	16	Monday*	East Mississippi
	19	Thursday	Mississippi Delta
	23	Monday	East Mississippi
December	24	Tuesday	Bishop State (Women 5:15 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m.)
	1	Tuesday*	Pearl River
	3	Thursday	Gulf Coast
	7	Monday *	Jones
	10	Thursday	Southwest
	17	Thursday	Holmes (Women 4:00 p.m., Men 5:45 p.m.)
January	9	Saturday*	Mississippi Delta
	11	Monday	Co-Lin
	14	Thursday*	Hinds
	21	Thursday	Pearl River
	25	Monday*	Gulf Coast
	28	Thursday	Jones
February	1	Monday*	Southwest
	4	Thursday*	Co-Lin
	8	Monday	Hinds
	15-18	South Division Tournament at Jones	
	22-23	State Tournament (TBA)	
March	1-4	Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College	

*HOME GAMES: Women 6:00 p.m., Men 7:45 p.m.
 Unless Otherwise Noted

COACHES: Sammy Pace, Head Women's Basketball Coach

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

BSU	635-2481
Cafeteria	635-2979
Childcare Center	635-3285
East Central Community College	635-2111
Fire Department	635-2000
Jackson Hall Supervisor	635-3237
Jackson Hall Pay Phones	635-9301
	635-9302
Men's Dormitory Supervisor	635-3900
Sheriff's Department	635-2101
Neshoba Hall Pay Phone	635-9308
Newsome Hall Supervisor	635-2126
Newsome Hall Pay Phones	635-9303
	635-9304
Night Watchman	635-2121
Scott Hall Pay Phone	635-9309
Student Grill	635-3873
Student Grill Pay Phone	635-9305
Todd Hall Pay Phone	635-9307
Winston Hall Pay Phone	635-9306

EXPENSES FOR THE 1998-99 REGULAR SESSION

FIRST SEMESTER	Dormitory Student	Day Student
Matriculation Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Room Fee	\$ 380.00	
Board (5 day meal plan)	\$ 540.00	
Total First Semester	\$1420.00	\$ 500.00
SECOND SEMESTER		
Matriculation Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Room Fee	\$ 380.00	
Board (5 day meal plan)	\$ 540.00	
Total Second Semester	\$1420.00	\$ 500.00
Total for Year	\$2840.00	\$1000.00

Cable TV and telephone are available for students who choose to pay the fee to receive these services. Contact should be made directly to Cablevision at 683-6341 and/or Decatur Telephone Company at 635-2251.

Each dormitory student is required to purchase a meal plan. Students who prefer the Deferred Payment Plan may pay their board in the following way:

FIRST SEMESTER

1. \$180.00 - upon entrance
2. \$180.00 - September 22, 1998
3. \$180.00 - November 3, 1998

SECOND SEMESTER

1. \$180.00 - Upon entrance
2. \$180.00 - February 16, 1999
3. \$180.00 - April 6, 1999

The 1999-2000 academic fee dates will be in an addendum. Cosmetology students see "1" under General Information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. There is no special charge for music or business courses for full-time students. There is a \$15.00 fee for laboratory science courses and a \$24.00 fee for ADN courses.
2. Fees are an additional \$710.00 per semester for out-of-state students.
3. Fees are an additional \$2000.00 per semester for out-of-country students.
4. If the deferred payment plan is used and these payments are not met, there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 added to the account.
5. All fees are payable in advance on the date due as indicated in the "Board Calendar."
6. All students who fail to clear their accounts with the college seven (7) school days prior to the starting date for examinations each semester will be dropped from school. A written notice will be mailed to the student when this action is taken.
7. For registration on dates other than those listed on the college calendar, there will be an additional charge of \$15.00 added to the account.
8. All students who expect to register for the fall semester as scheduled should complete admission requirements by August 1. Students who have not registered as scheduled in the bulletin will be assessed a late registration fee.
9. Part-time students are students taking less than 12 semester hours on the main campus. All part-time students will pay fees at the rate of \$50.00 per hour at the time they register. Full-time student will pay \$50 per semester hour for any classes taken off the main Campus in addition to the full-time tuition rate of \$500.
10. Adults who are over 65 years of age or older may attend East Central Community College with matriculation fees waived.
11. East Central Community College reserves the right to change any charges published if it should become necessary.
12. Cost for the 12 month Cosmetology Program is \$1770.00 which includes books and a cosmetology kit. A first-time student has a first-time charge for special supplies. Students applying for cosmetology must make an advanced partial tuition payment of \$50.00 in order to get on the admission list.

(Non-refundable). Charges may be made the following way:

Fall Semester \$500.00

Spring Semester	\$500.00
Summer Semester	\$500.00
Room and Board are same as listed on opposite page.	
13. Cost for the twelve-month Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program is \$1,500.00.	
Charges may be made in the following manner.	
Fall Semester	\$500.00
Spring Semester	\$500.00
Summer Semester	\$500.00
Room and Board are same as listed on opposite page.	

FIRST COURSE FREE

East Central Community College has a policy to encourage adults who have not attended college previously to try college free. Any adult in the five-county district registering as a part-time student, who has not previously enrolled in college, and who otherwise meets entrance requirements may take the first college credit course free at any location in the district.

For purposes of this policy, an adult is anyone over 21 years of age who has graduated from high school or who has passed the GED Test and has been out of high school for more than one year. The \$50.00 per semester hour will be waived for the first course only. Those interested should contact the Admissions, Records, and Research Office at East Central Community College or attend registration as announced at the location where they plan to enroll.

REFUNDS

A student who withdraws from college will be entitled to a refund, on a prorated basis, as stated in the college catalog in the expense section. Refunds are made only when a student has followed the proper withdrawal procedure as directed by counselors and/or Director of Admissions.

- I. Upon withdrawal, if prior to the end of the third calendar week of each semester, the student's account is adjusted in the following manner:
 - A. The student's account is credited for
 - 100% of the Matriculation Fee (During Registration)
 - 75% of the Matriculation Fee (First Calendar Week)
 - 50% of the Matriculation Fee (Second Calendar Week)
 - 25% of the Matriculation Fee (Third Calendar Week)
 - No adjustment is made to charges after the third calendar week
 - B. Part-time students will not be granted tuition refunds after the first class meeting.
 - C. Students who drop from full-time status to part-time status will be reassessed fees at the part-time rate through the eighth week of each semester and will be required to withdraw from the residence hall.
 - D. The refund policy of East Central Community College for Veterans, Veterans' widows or War Orphans enrolled under Chapter 30 or 35 is a pro-rata basis for the number of

weeks remaining in the semester. The proper withdrawal procedure must be followed and the refund must be requested.

- E. There will be no refund of dormitory room rent.
- F. The student's account is credited for uneaten meals as prorated per week for the remaining weeks in applicable board period in addition to the board amount for any remaining full board period.
- G. If a student is receiving any type of institutional scholarship and the date of withdrawal is prior to the scholarship update, the amount of the scholarship earned for period of attendance is calculated by

$$\frac{\text{Number of full weeks in attendance}}{\text{Total number of weeks in semester}} \times \text{Original Scholarship}$$

The amount is reported to the Director of Financial Aid so that this scholarship amount may be adjusted in computer files to update the correct amount to the student's account at the proper time.

- H. If the student is receiving any type of institutional scholarship and the date of withdrawal is after the scholarships have been updated to the student's accounts, the amount charged back to the student's account is calculated by

$$\frac{\text{Number of full weeks remaining in Semester after withdrawal}}{\text{Total number of weeks in semester}} \times \text{Original Scholarship}$$

This adjustment to the scholarship is reported to the Director of Financial Aid so that Financial Aid records reflect the actual scholarship amount credited to the student's account.

Exceptions are made in G and H when the coach, band director, sponsor of the activity, etc., indicate that the fulfilled his/her obligation in that particular semester for the appropriate activity.

- I. Once the student's account has been properly adjusted, the account balance should reflect the actual charges for the period the student officially attended East Central for the semester. Any credit balance is immediately refunded to the student by check mailed to the address indicated in the student master file. If there is a balance shown on the account, the account must be cleared before official withdrawal or business office personnel must determine the approved financial aid is available to cover the student's adjusted charges.
- II. Students receiving Title IV Aid and withdrawing from school will have to adhere to one of the following refund policies:

1. Pro Rata - First time students and withdrawing prior to the eleventh week
2. Appendix A (Federal Policy) - Not first time student, withdrawing prior to the tenth week and completes official written withdrawal procedures
3. ECCC Policy - Not first time student, withdrawing prior to the seventh week and completes official written withdrawal procedures

III. Appeals for refunds due to extenuating circumstances should be made through the Dean of Instruction.

SUMMER SCHOOL EXPENSES

Expenses for the summer are different from those during the regular session. They are announced in a special bulletin, a copy of which may be obtained on request from the Director of Admissions, Records and Research of the college.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Payments of student's expenses may be made by cash, check or money order. Checks should be made out to EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. The college will keep money or other valuables in its vault on request. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for all checks returned as NSF or Stop Payment.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The following information is a summary of financial aid programs and policies at East Central Community College. For further information and application forms, contact:

Financial Aid Office
 East Central Community College
 P. O. Box 129
 Decatur, MS 39327
 Telephone: (601) 635-2111, Ext. 218

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS--Funding for these programs is provided by the federal and state governments.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT -- Federal Pell grants are awards to help undergraduates pay for their education after high school. For many students, these grants provide a foundation of financial aid, to which aid from other federal and non-federal sources may be added.

An undergraduate student who does not have a Bachelor's Degree and who is enrolled in an eligible program may apply for a Pell Grant.

To determine a student's eligibility for the grant, the Department of Education uses a standard formula, revised and approved every year by Congress, to evaluate the information reported on the application for a Pell Grant. The formula calculates an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The Student Aid Report contains this number and will tell whether a student

is eligible for a Pell Grant. Awards for the academic year will depend on program funding. How much a student actually gets will depend on the Expected Family Contribution, the cost of education at East Central, whether a student is a full-time or part-time student, and how long a student will be enrolled in the academic year.

Four to six weeks after submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a student will be sent the Student Aid Report (SAR) by the Central Processing System. Once the Student Aid Report is received either from the student or electronically, the Financial Aid Office will then be able to determine a student's eligibility and the amount of the Pell Grant.

A Pell Grant is classified as gift aid; therefore, it does not have to be repaid.

STATE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANT (SSIG) -- The State of Mississippi through a matching grant program with the Federal Government provides grants to eligible students. Full-time students who are Mississippi residents and who demonstrate need as determined by an approved need analysis are eligible. Limited funds are available under this program and award amounts as determined by an approved need analysis are eligible. Award amounts at East Central generally range from \$200 - \$600. Because this grant is classified as gift aid, it does not have to be repaid.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TUITION GRANTS -- The State of Mississippi established the following grant programs in 1995 for eligible Mississippi residents: the Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG). Separate applications which must be submitted by September 15, or the deadline established each year by the Institutions of Higher Learning, are required to apply for these grants.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG) -- The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant provides grant funds for undergraduate students who have not completed their first undergraduate degree and who are financially in need of this grant to enable them to pursue their education. SEOG funds must be awarded first to students with exceptional financial need and priority must be given to Pell Grant recipients. At East Central these grants generally are awarded in amounts ranging from \$200 - \$600. Like other grants, the SEOG does not have to be repaid.

WORK-STUDY -- East Central Community College participates in two types of work-study -- Federal Work-Study and Institutional Work-Study. Students who need a job to help pay for their education may be eligible for part-time employment under the federally supported work-study program. Funds for the federal program are limited and student must demonstrate a financial need. The normal work load at East Central is 5 to 10 hours per week. Students participating in the Work-Study program are paid the current minimum wage per hour and are paid on a monthly basis.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN--A Stafford Loan is a low-interest loan made to the student by a lender such as a bank, credit union, or savings and loan association to help with educational expenses. The interest rate for first-time borrowers (on or after July 1, 1994) is variable and is capped at 8.25%. The maximum amount an undergraduate student may borrow under this program is \$2,625 for the first year in the program of study and \$3,500 for the second year in the program of study. An independent undergraduate can borrow up to an additional \$4000 unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Stafford Loans are available to students who maintain at least half-

time enrollment. A separate application must be completed to apply for a Stafford Loan. For eligible students the application process consists of several steps and generally takes up to 4 weeks from the time the loan application is taken to the lender until the check is received. An entrance counseling session is required for all first-time borrowers prior to the first loan disbursement. A student must attend an exit counseling session prior to graduating, leaving school, or dropping below at least half-time enrollment; and the student will be required to begin repaying the loan within six months. Two types of Federal Stafford Loans are available: Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans for Middle Income Borrowers. The combination of Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans for a borrower may not exceed the annual loan limits for the Federal Stafford Loan program. A borrower's subsidized loan is determined by calculating the difference between the borrower's financial need and the amount of estimated financial assistance (such as scholarships, grants, work, other loans, Veteran's educational benefits). A borrower's unsubsidized loan amount is determined by calculating the difference between the borrower's cost of attendance for the period of enrollment for which the loan is intended and the amount of estimated financial assistance. A borrower must pay certain loan fees which are deducted proportionately from each loan disbursement. For the Stafford Loan, origination and insurance fees are 4% of the loan principal.

PLUS Loan --The PLUS Loan Program is not based on need. PLUS loans are for the parents of dependent students. These loans provide additional funds for educational expenses. The interest rate for these loans is variable and is capped at 9%. Like Stafford Loans, PLUS loans are made by a lender such as a bank, credit union, or savings and loan association. PLUS enables parents to borrow up to the difference between the student's cost of attendance and the amount of estimated financial assistance. A borrower must pay certain loan fees which are deducted proportionately from each loan disbursement. For the PLUS Loan, origination and insurance fees are 4% of the loan principal. A separate application is required to apply for the PLUS Loan. Generally repayment of the PLUS begins within 60 days of the disbursement of the loan.

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS--East Central Community College provides funds for and offers various scholarships to eligible students.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS - The Academic Achievement Scholarships were established at East Central Community College effective at the beginning of the 1996 fall semester. The Academic Achievement Scholarships are available to any Mississippi resident who enrolls as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following his/her high school graduation. Each student must have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale (90 or higher numerical average) to be eligible for this scholarship. Students who have ACT scores of 20 or above will not be eligible to receive ACT Scholarships and Academic Achievement Scholarships. The Academic Achievement Scholarships will be available to eligible students for four (4) consecutive semesters, provided each awardee maintains a 2.5 GPA for the first semester and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for the second and third semesters at ECCC. A scholarship in the amount of \$100 will be awarded each semester to each eligible student.

ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIPS--Achievement Recognition Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who receive the following honors: Choctaw Indian Princess, in-district Junior Miss winners, Miss Neshoba County, and Miss Morton. Full tuition scholarships

will be awarded to those eligible students who enroll as full-time students at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation. The scholarships will be available to the students for four (4) consecutive semesters provided each student maintains a 2.5 GPA for the first semester and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for the second and third semesters. Any student who does not maintain the required GPA and is removed from scholarship, may have the scholarship reinstated by earning the required GPA the following semester.

ACT SCHOLARSHIPS--The ACT Scholarships listed below will be available to any Mississippi resident who enrolls full-time at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation. The ACT Scholarship will be available to the student for four (4) consecutive semesters provided the student maintains a B (3.0) average each semester. See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements. Composite on tests:

ACT Composite (20-23)--A scholarship in the amount of \$100 will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

ACT Composite (24-26)--A scholarship in the amount of \$300 will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

ACT Composite (27-30)--A scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

ACT Composite (31-36)--A full scholarship (matriculation fee, room and board) will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

ART SCHOLARSHIP--The Art Department awards tuition scholarships to two students provided they meet the criteria established by the department.

To be eligible, a student must:

1. Declare art as their major
2. Submit a minimum of ten quality works of art in various media such as: pencil, pen and ink, pastel, oil, acrylic or water color; and
3. Enroll as a full-time student at East Central

To remain eligible, a recipient must:

1. maintain a 2.0 GPA with a 3.0 in art, and
2. design various images for the college

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS -- All Athletic Scholarships are awarded by the respective coaches in baseball, basketball, football, tennis, and women's softball. The athlete must meet the eligibility requirements of East Central Community College, the Mississippi Community and Junior College Association, and the National Junior College Athletic Association. The scholarships are awarded each semester in multiples of 1/10 up to a full for baseball, basketball, and football. Tennis and women's softball scholarships are awarded each semester in multiples of 1/10 up to the amount of the matriculation (tuition) fee.

BAND SCHOLARSHIPS--The Band Scholarships are awarded by the band director to full-time students. The scholarships are awarded by audition for marching band, concert band, jazz band, orchestra, and Collegians. Scholarship amounts vary depending upon participation in the various groups.

CHEERLEADER SCHOLARSHIPS--Cheerleader Scholarships are awarded to twelve students (eleven cheerleaders and one mascot) who are selected by a committee. The scholarships are awarded in the following amount each semester: Matriculation fee.

MATHEMATICS CONTEST SCHOLARSHIP--The Mathematics Department sponsors a Mathematics Contest and Seminar in the spring each year for high school juniors and seniors in the East Central District. The winner of the mathematics contest receives a three hundred dollar (\$300) tuition scholarship when entering East Central in the fall semester.

MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP--The Mississippi Junior Academy of Sciences Scholarships were established at East Central Community College effective at the beginning of the 1996 fall semester. Eligible students will receive full tuition scholarships each semester for a maximum of four (4) semesters. These scholarships will be available to any Mississippi Junior Academy of Sciences competition and enrolls as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following his/her high school graduation. The Mississippi Junior Academy of Sciences Scholarships will be available to the eligible students for four (4) consecutive semesters, fall and spring only, provided the students maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester they are at ECCC.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS--Music scholarships are awarded in the following areas: Music Major (voice and piano), Ac'cents, and Choir.

Music Major (voice and piano) - The Music Department awards tuition scholarships to two students in voice and two students in piano each year provided that they meet the criteria established by the department.

Recipients must:

1. declare music as their major
2. audition before the music faculty
3. enroll as full-time students
4. maintain a 2.0 grade point average overall with a 3.0 in music, and
5. perform as members of the Concert Choir.

Ac'cents - The Choral Department awards scholarships to students who are selected for the East Central Ac'cents, a small vocal ensemble. Students are selected for this group by the choral director. The amount of each scholarship is full tuition per semester.

Concert Choir - These scholarships are awarded to full-time students who are members of the concert choir. The scholarships in the amount of one-fourth tuition per semester are awarded by the choir director to selected students.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS--The non-traditional student tuition scholarship will be available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at East Central Community College in Decatur. The scholarship will be available to the student for three (3) consecutive semesters following the first twelve semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. To be eligible, a recipient:

1. Must enroll as a full-time academic or technical student on the Decatur campus;
2. Must have earned all previous college credit as a student at East Central;

3. Must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours but no more than 21 semester hours of college credit as either a full-time or part-time student at East Central Community College;
4. Must have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obtain a college education by maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher for each previous semester at East Central;
5. Must complete a scholarship application form and submit it to the Dean of Students' Office; and
6. Must show potential for leadership, academic excellence, and have high moral standards and good character as documented by two letters of recommendation.

The recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who meet the criteria listed above. Proceeds from the scholarship will be credited to the recipients' account in the Business Office and may be used to pay for tuition only. Any student awarded the non-traditional student scholarship must maintain a B (3.0) average each semester and must remain enrolled as a full-time student to retain the scholarship. (See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements.)

SALUTATORIAN SCHOLARSHIPS--A scholarship in the amount of \$300 will be available to the salutatorians of Mississippi high schools who enroll full time at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation. In the case of a tie, each student will be awarded the scholarship. The scholarship will be available to the student(s) for four (4) consecutive semesters provided they maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average each semester. (See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements.)

STAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS--A scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be available to the star students of Mississippi high schools who enroll full-time at East Central Community College the fall semester following graduation. The scholarship will be available to the student(s) for four (4) consecutive semesters provided they maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average each semester.

VALEDICTORIAN SCHOLARSHIPS--A scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be available to the valedictorians of Mississippi high schools who enroll full time at East Central Community College in the fall semester following high school graduation. In the case of a tie, each student will be awarded the scholarship. The scholarship will be available to the student(s) for four (4) consecutive semesters provided they maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average each semester. (See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements.)

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS--These scholarships are available in the skill areas which are part of programs offered at East Central. The vocational/technical counselor will make the awards to the winners.

To receive an FBLA, VICA, or Outstanding Student Scholarship, the student must enroll full-time at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation. To receive an FBLA, VICA, or Outstanding Student Scholarship, the student must enroll in the program area for which the scholarship was awarded.

To retain the FBLA, VICA, or Outstanding Student Scholarship, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester. Any student who does not maintain a 3.0 GPA is removed from the scholarship. The scholarship will be reinstated if the student earns a 3.0 GPA the following semester.

1. A scholarship of \$100.00 per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the

Outstanding senior student from each Cluster Area of the six vocational centers in the East Central Community College District. The recipient will be selected by the Director and teachers at each center in consultation with East Central's Vo-Tech Counselors and Instructors.

2. A scholarship of \$100.00 per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the District VICA competition.
3. A scholarship of \$100.00 per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the District FBLA competition.
4. A scholarship of \$300.00 per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the state high school VICA competition.
5. A scholarship of \$300.00 per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the state high school FBLA competition.
6. A full scholarship (matriculation fee, room and board) for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the national high school VICA competition.
7. A full scholarship (matriculation fee, room and board) for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the national high school FBLA competition.

YOUTH CHALLENGE GED SCHOLARSHIPS--The Youth Challenge GED Scholarships were established at East Central Community College effective the fall semester of 1995. Eligible students will receive scholarships equal to one-half the amount of tuition per semester. These scholarships will be available to any Mississippi residents who graduate from the Youth Challenge Program conducted by the Mississippi National Guard at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The youth challenge program is designed to assist teenage high school dropouts. The program involves six months of intensive physical and mental training designed to instill discipline and to prepare the students to take the GED test. Program sessions are conducted twice a year from January until June and from July until December. The scholarships will be available for eligible students for four consecutive semesters provided each eligible student maintains a 2.5 GPA each semester he/she is enrolled at East Central. Specific requirements for the scholarship include a successful completion of the Youth Challenge Program and a favorable recommendation by the director of the Youth Challenge Program.

ENDOWED AND OTHER SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS--Endowed and Other Special Scholarships are funded by individual and group donations and are made available to eligible students according to each scholarship's guidelines.

CLAYTON BLOUNT SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1995 in honor and appreciation of Coach Clayton Blount by his former students. During his employment at East Central Junior College from the years 1953 through 1970, Coach Blount served in various capacities including physical education teacher, head basketball coach, assistant football coach, head football coach, dean of men, and athletic director. Coach Blount expected much of the students and athletes with whom he worked. He was a father figure and an exceptional disciplinarian. He expected the students and athletes to conduct themselves in a very decent manner at all times and to bring honor to the college that they represented. The rapport he had with his students allowed him to be very demanding of them while still keeping their respect and admiration. Because of his high expectations and discipline, many of the students with whom Clayton Blount was associated are now successful and respected citizens. The following policies and requirements relate to the administration of this scholarship.

1. All funds contributed will be placed in endowment with only the interest expended each year for the scholarship awards.
2. A recipient will be selected annually by the East Central Community College Scholarship Committee from the pool of applicants.
3. Each recipient must:
 - a. Be a graduate of a high school from the five-county area supporting East Central Community College.
 - b. Have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or above,
 - c. Participate as an athlete in one of the major athletic programs at East Central which includes baseball, basketball, football, softball, and tennis.
 - d. Appear on East Central Community College's Certification list as a certified athlete for the given year.
 - e. Not have been involved in any activity which would bring discredit to the College.
4. The scholarship will be available to the recipient beginning the fall semester following high school graduation. One-half of the scholarship will be awarded the fall semester and one-half will be awarded the following spring semester. To retain the scholarship for the spring semester, the student must earn a 2.5 GPA on the 4.0 scale during the fall semester.

DR. AUSTIN P. BOGGAN SCHOLARSHIP--Established in 1998, this scholarship shall be awarded annually to a freshman pre-med major. The endowment was funded by the family and friends of Austin P. Boggan, a Decatur physician for over 40 years. Dr. Boggan completed high school at Rose Hill in Jasper County. After graduating from Jones County Junior College, Boggan served in the Army for three years. He then obtained a zoology degree from Mississippi State University. After completing two years of study at the University of Mississippi, he transferred to the Tulane University School of Medicine where he received the Doctor of Medicine degree.

Scholarship recipient selection shall be made by the College Scholarship Committee. To be considered, candidates must meet the following minimum criteria:

- (1) Be a pre-med major
 - (2) Have earned at least a 3.0, or "B" grade point average in high school
- Graduates of high schools within the College's five-county district including Scott, Winston, Newton, Leake, and Neshoba counties will be given first consideration for the annual scholarship award. However, students from other areas may also apply and may be considered.

The scholarship amount is estimated to be approximately \$500 for the first semester of the freshman year. However, the actual amount each year will depend upon the annual earnings from the scholarship endowment.

Applications will be accepted through the end of March each year. The award will be made for the fall semester of the student's freshman year only.

R.W. BOUNDS SCHOLARSHIP--The R.W. Bounds Scholarship was established in 1986 by Mr. Sam Bounds, son of the person for whom the scholarship was named and member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. The elder Mr. Bounds was the founder of B and W Feed Service in Lawrence, Mississippi. This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Newton High School in the amount of \$100 a year for attendance at East Central Community College. The recipient will be named by the principal and vocational agriculture instructor at Newton High School. The recipient must have excelled as a student in vocational agriculture and must have

displayed outstanding interest and involvement in the field of agriculture. An additional factor in the selection process shall be the need of the recipient for financial assistance to attend East Central Community College. The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at the annual Newton High School Awards Day Program.

THE PAUL V. AND VONCILE H. BREAZEALE MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP--Mr. and Mrs. Paul Breazeale, both alumni of East Central Community College, established the Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Trust Fund in 1995. The proceeds from this trust provide a scholarship to an incoming, full-time, freshman student who demonstrates financial need and who is enrolled in a curriculum which will prepare the student for a ministry in full-time Christian service. Preference will be given to Baptist students. The East Central Community College Scholarship Committee will make the annual selection from the applicants who have completed the application process and met the general eligibility requirements. To be eligible for the scholarship the student must:

- (1) Be a high school graduate as verified by a high school transcript
- (2) Be a first-time, entering freshman in the fall semester
- (3) Demonstrate financial need on a current federal student financial aid form
- (4) Provide letters of recommendation from his/her high school principal, local pastor, and a personal acquaintance.

To retain the scholarship for the four semesters of eligibility, the student must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA as a student at East Central Community College and exhibit those characteristics which are expected of one who intends to follow a career in full-time Christian service. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship should contact the financial aid office at East Central Community College for a scholarship application.

THE MABLE MOORE CARR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP--The Mable Moore Carr Educational Scholarship is for deserving graduating high school seniors from Forest High School in Forest, Mississippi. The scholarship is named after Mrs. Mable Moore Carr of Forest who served as a secondary school science teacher for some 30 years. It was created and fully endowed in 1996 by her four sons, all of whom attended community or junior colleges. Three of her sons, Jimmy, Hugh, and Tom, attended East Central, and Charles, the oldest son, attended Jones County Junior College.

Scholarship candidates must:

- (1) Have "B" or better average
- (2) Desire to pursue a degree in education
- (3) Plan to attend East Central Community College in Decatur as full-time students during the fall semester following their senior year in high school

The annual recipient will be chosen by a scholarship committee at Forest High School. If there are no qualified applicants pursuing a degree in education, others may be considered.

THE CARTHAGE BANK SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1992 by The Carthage Bank. The scholarship will be available annually to a selected recipient whose legal residence is in Leake County. This full tuition scholarship will be available for the fall and spring semesters of each recipient's freshman year.

To be eligible, a recipient must:

- (1) Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation
- (2) Must be a legal resident of Leake County

- (3) Have demonstrated leadership ability in his/her high school
- (4) Have scored a composite of 20 or above on the ACT.

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1992 by The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia. The scholarship will be available to a selected recipient from one of the four East Central Community College District counties served by this bank. These counties include Leake, Neshoba, Newton, and Scott. This full tuition scholarship will be available for the fall and spring semesters of each recipient's freshman year.

To be eligible, a recipient must:

- (1) Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation
- (2) Reside in an area served by The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia in the East Central Community College District
- (3) Have demonstrated leadership ability in his/her high school
- (4) Have scored a composite of 20 or above on the ACT.

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

COMANS SCHOLARSHIP--Established in the spring of 1998 by Wayne and Sandy Comans, this annual scholarship award is \$500 each semester, for up to four consecutive semesters.

To be eligible, potential recipients must meet several criteria including the following:

- (1) Be a high school graduate;
- (2) Have at least a "C" or "C+" average in high school (2.0-2.5 on a 4.0 scale); and,
- (3) Have a financial need.

To remain eligible for the scholarship, students must maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Selection of recipient will be made by the College Scholarship Committee.

W.R. COVINGTON SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1985 by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central Community College, in recognition of the support and assistance Mr. W.R. Covington of Noxapater, MS, has provided for many students to aid them in attending college and personally for his encouragement and financial support of Dr. Smith when he was a student at East Central Junior College. This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Noxapater High School in the amount of \$150 for one year of attendance at East Central. One-half of the scholarship will be awarded each semester.

THE NELLIE NEILL CROSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in memory of the late Nellie Neill Cross by her former students and friends. Mrs. Cross served East Central as a member of the faculty, as manager of the Sullivan Student Center and as a loyal supporter of the College for more than fifty years. The scholarship will be annually awarded to an entering freshman who plans to major in music with an emphasis in voice.

FRED PRESTON DALLAS AND MAUDIE THREATT DALLAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1991 to assist deserving graduates of Neshoba Central High School who reside in the southeast quarter of Neshoba County (indicated on an available map) to attend East Central Community College. It was established and funded by

the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas in their memory and in honor of their interest in education. Seven of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas' eight children attended East Central Junior College.

In the event that an eligible student is not selected from the designated area during a period of five years, then any eligible student living in Neshoba or Newton Counties may be considered. In the event an eligible student is not selected during the five-year period from these two counties, then any eligible student may be considered from the entire community college district.

The amount of the scholarship award should be based on the calendar year ending December 31st prior to the fall semester. The amount of the scholarship available should be the earnings in excess of the inflation rate up to the cost of tuition, room and board for a year.

The endowment fund may be increased, from time to time, by appropriate contributions from the founders or from others.

Requirements:

1. Available for four consecutive semesters to qualified entering freshmen whose family contributions are from fifty (50) percent to one hundred fifty (150) percent of each student's financial aid budget.
2. The person selected must have high moral standards, good character, and must not be a substance abuser.
3. The recipient must have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obtain a college education.
4. ECCC will be required to make high school seniors in the designated area aware of the scholarship.
5. In the event the scholarship is not awarded in any one year, the funds will remain and will be added to the principal.
6. The award will be for students pursuing an academic (university transfer) education only.
7. The scholarship is to be awarded on Awards Day at the appropriate high school.
8. The recipient must show potential for leadership and academic excellence.
9. In order for the recipient to be eligible for the second year, the student must have a D or above in all classes, must have an average of C or above, continue to have a financial need, and have a clear disciplinary record.
10. Funds from this scholarship are to be applied to the educational expenses of the recipients.
11. The recipients are to be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. The freshman recipients will be selected from students recommended by at least four of their senior year high school classroom teachers who agree that the students meet the above requirements.

OPAL MCMULLAN DICKINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established by the Marion McMullan family in memory of their daughter, Opal. It is awarded to a sophomore, who is majoring in elementary education. Selection is made by the student education association advisor and is based on academic success and potential, and the contribution to the student education organization.

THE LEON EUBANKS KALJYC-PEERS LEADERSHIP AWARD--This scholarship was established in 1994 by Mr. Leon Eubanks who was a faculty member at East Central Junior College from 1934 to December 1943. While an instructor at East Central, Mr. Eubanks was the faculty sponsor of a campus leadership organization called the KALJYC-PEERS. To honor the leadership philosophy of that organization, Mr. Eubanks stipulated that the interest earned from the invested scholarship corpus be used to fund an annual scholarship to be awarded to the President of the East Central Community College Student Body Association at the annual Awards

Day program. The award funds will be disbursed in two equal payments during the year the student serves as the Student Body Association President.

OBE S. FARISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1986 by the family of Obe S. Farish to honor his memory and to assist a worthy student from Noxapater High School who will attend East Central Community College. Mr. Farish was a patron of Noxapater High School for nearly thirty years, having at least one child in school there continuously from 1939 until 1966. Of the five children, three attended East Central Junior College. The scholarship in the amount of \$300, will be awarded annually at the Noxapater High School Awards Day Program with the money being deposited in the Business Office at East Central Community College, \$150 per semester.

ROBERT G. FICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established by the family of Robert G. Fick who was a devoted music instructor at East Central Community College from 1951 - 1978. After retirement, he continued to work in civic and community activities until his death on July 26, 1990. In addition to receiving a cash award of \$100, each year's recipient will have his/her name inscribed on a loving cup which was purchased by the family. This loving cup will remain on permanent display in the college's trophy case. The criteria for the scholarship include sophomore standing with no less than 46 cumulative hours earned and a GPA of no less than 2.00. In addition, the recipient must have shown a dedication to the betterment of the music department through untiring work. Financial need and field of study are not criteria for selection. The Dean of Students working with the scholarship committee will be responsible for selecting the recipient of the scholarship and the East Central Band Director will make the annual presentations.

BANK OF FOREST SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1997 by the Bank of Forest. To be eligible, a recipient must:

1. be a legal resident of Scott County;
2. have a strong desire to obtain a college education;
3. enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation;
4. have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale; and,
5. be willing to participate in an awards ceremony and be part of publicity involving the scholarships award.

The recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above.

R. O. AND BERTHA HANNAH SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1991 by the sons of R. O. And Bertha Hannah to honor their parents for the motivation, assistance, and encouragement they provided their children. Mr. and Mrs. Hannah encouraged their sons to acquire the education each would need to help assure a successful future. All four of the Hannah's sons attended East Central Junior College. This scholarship will be awarded annually to an entering freshman from Scott county. Eligible recipients of this scholarship must have demonstrated potential for successful college study and must be able to demonstrate the need for financial assistance. The Dean of Students working with the Scholarship Committee will select the recipients annually.

LA-Z-BOY SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1995 by La-Z-Boy South located in Newton, Mississippi. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to qualified students who choose to enroll at East Central Community College. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a minimum of two students. Recipients must be legal Mississippi residents who enroll as a full-time students on the Decatur Campus, must be in-district students with preference given to Newton County residents, and must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA on college credit course work or a "B" average on all high school course work.

FRANK EDWIN AND NENA HOLT LEATHERWOOD SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was funded by the family and friends of the Leatherwoods in loving memory and honor of these two educators who ignited the spark of learning and encouraged the hopes and dreams of countless students. Mr. Leatherwood was a longtime member of the biology department faculty at East Central Junior College, and Mrs. Leatherwood served for many years as an elementary school teacher in Decatur. The scholarship is awarded each year to a freshman, selected by the science faculty, who will return for the next fall semester. The presentation of the award is made at Awards Day each spring.

MERCHANTS AND FARMERS BANK SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship was established in the spring of 1998 by the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Philadelphia. It is awarded the first semester of the freshman year at East Central Community College and goes to two entering freshmen. To be eligible, recipients must:

1. Be legal residents of Neshoba County
2. Have overall high school grade point averages of 2.5, or "C", on a 4.0 scale
3. Have ACT scores of at least 18
4. Enroll as full-time students at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation
5. Be willing to participate in an awards ceremony and be part of publicity involving the scholarship award

The recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1996 by the Mississippi Association of Supervisors. This scholarship is rotated between counties in East Central's district using alphabetical order. The recipient of this scholarship will receive one-half tuition (\$250) per semester for one year or two consecutive semesters. To be eligible for the second semester, the recipient must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better.

Scholarship Candidates:

- (1) Must be an entering freshman;
- (2) Must show potential for success in college;
- (3) Must show financial need (minor consideration).

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

BANK OF MORTON SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1997 by the Bank of Morton. To be eligible, a recipient must:

- (1) be a graduate of Morton High School

- (2) have a strong desire to obtain a college education;
 - (3) enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation;
 - (4) have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale; and
 - (5) participate in an awards ceremony and be a part of publicity involving the scholarship award.
- The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by a committee composed of representatives from Morton High School and the Bank of Morton.

DR. MARGARET MOSAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR LEADERSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1997 to provide financial assistance to deserving students at East Central Community College. The award was established in honor of the late Dr. Margaret Mosal of Canton, Mississippi, former executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for Two-year Colleges. Dr. Mosal led the organization for 50 years, from 1935 to 1985.

The scholarship was funded by a Mosal Leadership Award stipend presented to Dr. Shelby L. Harris by Phi Theta Kappa with additional funds from Dr. Harris, longtime mathematics instructor and chairman of the Mathematics and Science Division at East Central.

The award will be given annually to a student who exemplifies the hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa - scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship - during the student's freshman year of membership in Phi Theta Kappa as determined by the advisors of East Central's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

In addition to a \$200 scholarship, awards will include placing the names of the recipients and the dates of presentation on an engraved commemorative plaque. Certificates will be presented to the recipients by an advisor of Phi Theta Kappa on the annual Awards Day at the College.

NEW DIRECTIONS SCHOLARSHIP--Established in 1998 by an East Central graduate and successful business executive, this scholarship provides \$2,000 for four semesters of full-time study by a nontraditional (older) student who has decided to return to school after having been out of school for more than three years. Recipients must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be at least 21 years of age;
- (2) Be either married or a single parent; and,
- (3) Be out of school for more than three years (high school, college, or GED).

Recipients must maintain a "B" or better average each semester to continue receiving the scholarship. Recipients must continue full-time study and graduate or complete their course work within four semesters. This award is presented every two years.

THE POLK AND JENNIE PACE SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was endowed in March of 1997 by Mr. Pace's widow, Scott County native Mrs. Jennie Thrash Pace of Newton, Mississippi; her children, Mrs. Reba DeBari of Pensacola, Florida, and Dr. Harrell S. Pace of Biloxi, Mississippi; and her grandchildren, Mrs. Donnie White of Clifton, Virginia, Mrs. Guy Garner of Lenoir, North Carolina, Mr. Stephen Pace of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Mr. Michael Pace of Starkville, Mississippi, Mr. David DeBari of Luling, Louisiana, and Mr. Kenneth DeBari of Pensacola, Florida; and other family members and friends. This scholarship honors the memory of the late Mr. Lawrence Polk Pace, originally from Conehatta, Mississippi, who passed away January 23, 1997, at age 86. Mr. Pace, a businessman, was a strong believer in the value of education. He attended East Central Junior College in 1929. Both his children and his daughter-in-law, the former Miss Grace Holman of Newton, all graduated from East Central. The Pace's

son, Dr. Harrell Pace, MD, was named to the first East Central Hall of Fame in 1956. Their daughter, Mrs. Reba DeBari, a realtor, sang in the Orange Bowl with the East Central Choir in 1957, and performed nationally as a member of the Choral Society of Pensacola, performing in Carnegie Hall in 1990 and in 1997, and throughout the country.

Each scholarship candidate must:

1. Be a resident of either Scott County or Newton County, Mississippi.;
2. Have a "B" or better average his/her senior year in high school;
3. Plan to major in either science, math, or music. (If no applicant plans a major in these fields, others will be considered.);
4. Plan to attend East Central Community College in Decatur as a full-time student during the fall semester following his/her senior year in high school.

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

THE PHILADELPHIA-NESHOBIA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP--The scholarship was established in 1996 by the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an award of \$200.00 per semester to an appropriately selected sophomore student who has declared music, art, or drama as his/her major.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must:

- (1) Have resided in Neshoba County for at least two years prior to attending East Central Community College;
- (2) Be of sophomore status;
- (3) Have maintained a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or better; and
- (4) Have demonstrated leadership abilities and have high moral and ethical values.

Recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA to retain this scholarship.

The Music, Art, and Drama Scholarship Committee, composed of an art instructor, a drama instructor, and the director of bands, will annually select the recipients of this scholarship.

THE ROSCOE C. PUGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--Roscoe C. Pugh was the first president of East Central Junior College. He served in that capacity from 1928 when the College was founded until 1934. He served previously as superintendent of the Newton County Agricultural High School.

In the fall of 1996, Leon Eubanks, who served from 1934 until 1943 as an English instructor at East Central and who was a graduate of the Newton County Agricultural High School, established and fully endowed this scholarship to honor his friend, Mr. Pugh.

Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for the annual scholarship awards. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship awards.

To be eligible to be considered for this scholarship candidates must:

- (1) Enroll as full-time day academic or technical student at the Decatur campus after having been previously enrolled as part-time students;
- (2) Have earned all previous college credits at East Central Community College;
- (3) Have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours credit and not more than 21 semester hours credit before applying for the scholarship;
- (4) Have a minimum 3.00 GPA on all college work completed; and
- (5) Have submitted completed scholarship application forms to the Dean of Students' Office.

Final selection of the recipients for this scholarship will be made by the College's Scholarship Committee.

This scholarship will be available for two semesters of enrollment at East Central Community College.

THE HERMAN AND MOSOURA RIGBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1993 by Dr. M. G. Rigby who attended East Central Junior College in 1965 and 1966. Dr. Rigby came to East Central as an out-of-state student to major in education. He went on to complete his BA degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, and his MA and EdD degrees at the University of Mississippi. His parents were of great inspiration to him as he pursued his educational goals. It was in the memory of Dr. Rigby's parents that this scholarship was established. This two-semester scholarship will be awarded annually to an out-of-state entering freshman who demonstrates both the need for financial assistance and an aptitude for success as a student. The amount of each scholarship award will equal fifty-percent of the annual interest earned on the invested scholarship corpus. The remaining fifty-percent of the annual interest earned will be added to the corpus. The annual recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee from a pool of qualified applicants.

THE CHARLES AND JUDY DOWDLE THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship was established in 1997 by the Thomas family. Mr. Thomas, class of '64, is a Philadelphia native living in Louisville and Mrs. Thomas is a Leake County native originally from Carthage. This scholarship endowment, one of the largest at the College, was created with a donation of 430 shares of stock to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. To be eligible, a recipient must:

- (1) have been a resident of Neshoba County for three years or more and a graduate of Philadelphia High School;
- (2) have a strong desire to obtain a college education;
- (3) enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester after high school graduation (deferment for military service will be recognized);
- (4) have a high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and,
- (5) be willing to participate in an awards ceremony and be a part of publicity involving the scholarship award.

Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus for this scholarship fund shall be used for this scholarship award. No part of the endowment corpus shall be used for the scholarship awards.

The recipient shall be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. The scholarship awards will be provided the fall and spring semesters of the recipient's freshman year at East Central Community College.

UNION PLANTERS SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1992. Union Planters operates branch offices in Decatur, Union, Philadelphia, Louisville, Forest, and Newton. The scholarship will be available to a selected recipient from one of the four counties served by Union Planters in the East Central Community College District. Five scholarship in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded the fall semester each year. To be eligible, a recipient must:

- (1) Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation;
- (2) Reside in the East Central Community College District;

- (3) Have demonstrated leadership ability in his/her high school; and
- (4) Have scored a composite of 20 or above on the ACT.

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above.

KINOTH AND ELLA MAE THORNTON AND EMERSON ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP--

The Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Company Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and Emerson Electric Company in 1991 as a tribute to the College for its many positive contributions to the Thornton's lives. The contributions by the Thorntons and Emerson Electric company totaled \$10,000.00 which was used to establish the endowment for the scholarship. Interest and dividends and, if required, the sale of shares of stock from the investment will be used to fund scholarships in the amount of 1,000.00. Thus, scholarship awards will be made on alternate years unless the full amount of an awarded scholarship is not utilized. The investment endowment shall never fall below \$10,000. To be eligible for this scholarship, the recipients must:

- (1) Reside in one of the five counties served by East Central Community College. Preference shall be given to applicants from Newton and Neshoba Counties;
- (2) Have family contributions on financial aid needs analysis forms that are from fifty (50) percent to one hundred (100) percent of the students' financial aid budgets;
- (3) Have the demonstrated ability to profit from higher education by having achieved acceptable grades in high school and by having participated in community projects or work experience;
- (4) Have high moral and ethical values;
- (5) Project the reasonable probability that they would not attend college if they did not receive assistance from this scholarship fund. If on any year no one applies who substantially meets all of the above qualifications, no award will be made and the fund will accumulate.

The Dean of Students of the College shall be responsible for notifying qualified high school students as to the availability of this scholarship. The College's Scholarship Committee shall screen all applicants and make the final selections.

THE LAVERN VOWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established in 1993 by Elizabeth, E. L., and David Vowell to honor the memory of their husband and father, Mr. Lavern Vowell, and to assist a worthy student in attending East Central Community College. The scholarship which will be awarded each year to an entering freshman will cover the cost of tuition for two semesters. Each recipient of this scholarship must be a major in some field of business administration. Each recipient must have a demonstrated need for financial assistance and must have a demonstrated potential for academic success. Preference will be given to applicants for the scholarship who are or have been employed by Triple V, Inc. Applications for this scholarship will be received by the Dean of Students at the College. The College's Scholarship Committee will be responsible for the final selection of each year's recipient.

D.P. (DOC) AND SYBIL C. WILLIAMSON SCHOLARSHIP--The D. P. (Doc) and Sybil C. Williamson Scholarship was established in 1996 by Doc and Sybil Williamson as an expression of their appreciation for the College that provided Mr. Williamson, a 1952 graduate of ECJC, with the background and direction that he needed for a successful career in the poultry industry and later as a Methodist minister. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an entering freshman who meets the following qualifications:

- (1) Must plan to major in some area of agriculture

- (Poultry Science, Forestry, Agriculture);
- (2) Must have earned average grades in high school;
 - (3) Must demonstrate a serious desire to better himself/herself educationally; and
 - (4) Must have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and meet the criteria listed above. The scholarship award will be available for the fall and spring semesters of each recipient's freshman year.

GENERAL WILLIAM PATRICK WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP--This scholarship was established by the class of 1937, family, friends, and associates of General Pat Wilson. It honors his memory as a coach, dormitory supervisor, teacher, and National Guard officer at East Central Junior College from 1933 to 1940, and his long and colorful military career. From his Pre-World War II days when he was affectionately known as Captain Pat, to his much decorated combat service in the European Theater of Operations, and his Outstanding record as Adjutant General of Mississippi, Pat Wilson was a remarkable leader of men.

It is the expectation of those who fund it that this scholarship will aid college students to develop such leadership qualities as he displayed. It will be administered by the Scholarship Committee of East Central Community College within the restrictions set by the founding Committee which are:

- (1) All funds contributed will be placed in endowment with only the interest expended each year for scholarships;
- (2) Recipients are to be selected annually by the College Scholarship Committee from students who have attained sophomore standing, a 3.0 grade point average, and who have a demonstrated need for financial assistance;
- (3) To retain the scholarship for a second semester a student will be required to maintain a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average on the 4.0 system; and
- (4) The award each year will be made on Awards Day so that due recognition may be given the recipient.

SECTION II: FINANCIAL AID POLICIES

FEDERAL PROGRAMS - In order to be eligible to receive financial aid at East Central Community College, students are expected to maintain satisfactory progress toward their certificate or degree in the academic, technical, or vocational programs. Satisfactory progress for all Title IV aid (Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, State Student Incentive Grant, Federal Work-Study, Stafford Loan, or PLUS/SLS) for the various programs for full-time students is defined below. The required number of hours to be completed will be reduced proportionally for part-time students. At the end of the time frame allowed for the completion of a program, students will not be eligible to receive financial aid regardless of their grade point average or cumulative hours earned.

1. The time frame for the number of hours to be completed and the grade point average required is as follows:

At the end of this semester	1	2	3	4	5	6
A student must have completed at least this many hours	9	18	28	40	52	64

With at least a cumulative grade point average of 1.0 1.5 1.75 2.0 2.0 2.0

2. A student who does not meet these standards will be placed on financial aid probation for a semester. During the probationary semester, a student will continue to be eligible for financial aid. Upon completion of the probationary semester, a student who does not meet the satisfactory progress standards will be ineligible to receive financial aid and will remain ineligible until the standards are achieved.
3. A student's entire record at ECCC will be evaluated to determine eligibility for financial aid regardless of whether or not the student has received aid for all semesters.
4. Upon enrolling at ECCC, a transfer student will be considered to be maintaining satisfactory progress and will therefore be allowed to receive financial aid for one semester without the transfer credits being considered. At the end of that semester, the transfer student's entire record, including not only the credits earned at East Central but also the accepted transfer credits from the previous institution, will be evaluated to determine if the student is maintaining satisfactory progress in the program being pursued by the student.
5. Developmental courses will be treated in the same manner as regular courses since students receive institutional credits and grades for these courses.
6. The procedures for determining satisfactory progress as related to incomplete grades, withdrawing from a course, or repeating a course will be the same as those procedures followed by the Admission, Records and Research Office. Students may obtain additional information about these procedures from the Admission, Records and Research Office or the Financial Aid Office.
7. Students who wish to appeal the decisions and financial aid awards made by the Financial Aid Office should submit a written request to the director of the Financial Aid Office. The written request should include any information relative to the case. Then the appeal will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Appeal Committee. The student will be notified in writing of the committee's decision.

INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS - The following information is relative to Scholarships and Institutional Work-Study:

1. A student receiving institutional financial aid in the form of a Band Scholarship, Cheerleader Scholarship, or Institutional Work-Study must pass nine (9) semester hours and earn eighteen (18) quality points during a semester. If a student does not meet this standard at the end of the semester, the student will be placed on probation for a semester. During the probationary semester, the student will be eligible to receive the institutional financial aid. Upon completion of the probationary semester, a student who does not meet the standard will be ineligible to receive the institutional financial aid. This policy coincides with the academic probation and suspension of the College; therefore, when suspended students become eligible to return to college, they shall also be eligible to receive institutional financial assistance.
2. To retain an ACT, Salutatorian, Star Student or Valedictorian Scholarship, a student must maintain a B (3.0) average each semester. Any student who does not maintain a B (3.0) average and is removed from scholarship, can get back on scholarship by having a B (3.0) average the following semester provided the scholarship is for four (4) semesters. See Financial Aid Programs section for further eligibility requirements.
3. Total financial aid in scholarships from East Central Community College for dormitory and commuter students MAY NOT exceed the published cost of matriculation fee, room, board,

- and an allowance of \$200 per semester for books.
4. Total financial aid awards for a student which includes Title IV aid (campus-based aid or loans) and institutionally funded aid may not exceed the campus-based budget or the student's need as determined by the need analysis document.

AWARD NOTIFICATION - Students who complete the financial aid application requirements and who provide all required forms by April 1, will be notified regarding their financial aid awards, normally, by the end of July.

Students who apply after the April 1, priority deadline will be notified on a rolling basis after the priority group is complete.

Requests for information and award letters will be mailed to the address listed on the student's financial aid application.

ACTIVITY CENTER

The Activity Center consists of an arcade, pool tables, table tennis, weight room, and basketball court and offers various intramural programs. Students interested in participating in intramural sports need to sign up in the Activity Center office. Activities provided by the Activity Center are limited to East Central Community College students only. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

A college-operated bookstore is located adjacent to the Student Center. Textbooks, school supplies, clothing and ECCC paraphernalia may be purchased here. Books that the College anticipates using again can be sold to the Bookstore. The Bookstore is open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CAFETERIA

Students living in the dormitories must purchase a meal ticket from the Business Office. This meal ticket will be good for 14 meals, Monday - Friday. Commuting students may eat in the cafeteria for \$3.50 per meal. **STUDENTS EATING IN THE CAFETERIA ON THE WEEKEND WILL PAY FOR THEIR MEALS ON A CASH BASIS ONLY.** Students on athletic or band scholarship will be provided meals on the weekends during the season of his/her activity. The cafeteria is located next to Jackson Hall. Meals are served on the following schedule:

WEEKDAYS

Breakfast	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Lunch	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Dinner	4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Breakfast	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Lunch

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (\$4.50 per person)

Dinner

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CAMPUS ADVERTISING

Approval of signs, posters, and advertisements which are to be placed on the campus or on any of the College bulletin boards must be secured in advance from the Dean of Students.

CAREER INFORMATION

Career information is available in the Academic Counselor's office, Vocational-Technical Counselor's office, Tech-Prep Career Center, and the Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center. Testing is also available to assist you in clarifying career interests and aptitude. The Tech Prep Career Center is located in the Student Services Building.

STUDENT BULLETIN

A bulletin is posted campus-wide each school day. Its purpose is to keep everyone informed of daily activities. **ALL STUDENTS ARE URGED TO READ IT DAILY.**

LEARNING SKILLS CENTER

The Director of the Learning Skills Center provides computer aided, personal instruction primarily for all academic subjects. The learning Skills Center is open 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LIBRARY

Burton Library is maintained as a place for quiet study and research. The library collection consists of both book and non-book materials. Your ECCC ID card serves as your library card and must be presented when using any library materials. Hours of operation are:

REGULAR SESSION

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

SUMMER SESSION

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Complete information concerning the library is contained in the Library Handbook which is available to all students.

LOST AND FOUND

Anyone who has lost items should contact the Dean of Students' office. Any articles found should be brought to the Dean of Students' office.

MEDICAL SERVICES

A registered nurse is on campus each day to care for the medical needs of the students and to refer them to a medical facility if the need arises. There are no prescription drugs such as narcotics or antibiotics kept in the clinic. The college nurse CANNOT give out official excused absences. The school clinic is located on the second floor of the Student Center.

STUDENT CENTER

The Student Center houses a grill and student post office boxes. Hours for the grill and post office box section of the Student Center are as follows:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT MAIL

To receive mail on campus, you must rent a mailbox from the United States Postal Service, Decatur Branch. The cost is \$12.00. Representatives will be on campus during orientation and registration dates. The ECCC student post office boxes are located in the Student Center. Mail remaining in the post office longer than a week will be brought to the Dean of Students' office. All addresses should conform to the following format:

John Doe

P. O. Box _____

Decatur, Mississippi 39327

TELEPHONE CALLS

All telephone calls to dormitory students should be made to the dormitories, the Student Center, or the dormitory supervisor's office. Calls that are not of an emergency nature should not be made to the dormitories after midnight. EMERGENCY CALLS TO THE STUDENTS AFTER HOURS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE WOMEN'S DORMITORY SUPERVISOR FOR NEWSOME HALL (635-2126), EXT. 248, OR FOR JACKSON HALL (635-2126), EXT. 247, OR THE MEN'S DORMITORY SUPERVISOR (635-3900)

TENNIS COURTS

The tennis courts are available for student use. The lights are automatically controlled and are scheduled to come on during the evening hours in the early fall and late spring.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

East Central Community College is totally committed to providing the services of professionally-trained guidance personnel to all of its students. The purpose of the guidance program is to provide professional assistance to students in deciding academic, vocational, technical and personal questions, especially as they involve college life. A full-time academic counselor and a full-time vocational-technical counselor are employed in the guidance department.

ADVISEMENT - INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Faculty members also serve as academic advisors in their particular fields. Academic advisors are selected from the teaching faculty according to curricula and are well qualified to assist the student in his/her academic career planning. All students are assigned an advisor according to their field of study. Frequent meetings are held and the students are urged to keep in touch with their advisors on matters pertaining to their educational or vocational careers. Students pick up mid-term grades from their assigned advisors. Each student is aided in choosing a vocation and pursuing the curriculum which is best suited for him/her.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Freshman - One who has completed less than 28 semester hours of college work.

Sophomore - One who has completed 28 or more semester hours of college work.

Part-time - One who is enrolled for less than 12 semester hours of college work.

Full-time - One who is enrolled for 12 or more semester hours of college work at the Decatur Campus.

GRADES

Grades are submitted by the instructor and recorded for each student at nine-week intervals. Student may pick up grade reports from assigned advisors. An official copy of the student's grades will be mailed to the student at the end of each semester.

A	92 - 100	Excellent	4 quality points per semester hour
B	83 - 91	Good	3 quality points per semester hour
C	74 - 82	Average	2 quality points per semester hour
D	65 - 73	Poor	1 quality point per semester hour
F	Failure		
W	Withdrawal		
AU	Registered for Audit		
I	Incomplete, but can be made up		

A progress report is given to all students at mid-term of each semester.

HONORS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Honors Program at East Central Community College is to provide enriched educational experiences for academically talented students. Specially designed honors classes are offered to stimulate the honor student's spirit of inquiry and to provide opportunities for in-depth study in several subject areas.

An Honors council chaired by the Director of the Honors Program has been established. It is the responsibility of the council to coordinate the honors courses and to promote an atmosphere of intellectual stimulation and camaraderie among academically talented students.

The Honors Program provides students the opportunity for independent projects and research, for greater intellectual challenge, and for association with others of similar abilities and interests.

HONORS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

In order to enroll in the Honors Program, a student should have a superior ACT score, a superior grade point average, and an invitation from the honors faculty. Courses are scheduled so that a student may participate in all six honors courses or in any combination of these courses. Courses offered include: Honors Composition I, Honors Composition II, Honors American History I, Honors American History II, Honors English Literature I, and Honors English Literature II.

Students with composite ACT scores of 25 and a 25 or above score on the English portion of the ACT or a "2" Advanced Placement English may participate in Honors English.

CLASS ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

When a student enrolls in a course, the student assumes the responsibility for attending all class meetings, completing all assignments, and otherwise satisfying requirements of that course. Realizing that from time to time there may be just cause for absence, the College has established the policy outlined below.

The student should discuss with the instructor the impending absence before it occurs, if possible, and in emergencies, immediately upon returning to class. The student is still responsible for all work missed, regardless of the reason for being absent.

1. Official absences are those incurred when students miss class while officially representing the College. The College sponsor of the group supplies a list to the Director of Admissions, Records and Research's office in advance, and from that office, instructors are notified before the next meeting of the class following the absence. Official absences will not count in the total number of absences allowed the student.
2. Unofficial absences occur when students who are not representing the college miss class. Total unofficial absences per class may not exceed three for a class that meets once per week, four for a class that meets twice per week, six for a class that meets three times per week, eight for a class that meets four times per week or ten for a class meeting five times per week. Tardies which equal the number of times the class meets per week will constitute an unofficial absence. (Exception: For classes which meet once per week, three tardies will constitute an official absence.) If a student exceeds these numbers of absences he/she will be cut out of class and will receive an "F" for the course.
3. The student who misses announced tests or class assignments due to unofficial absences must have approval of the instructor to take make-up tests or to complete assignments. Approval will not be granted unless the student presents a valid reason for having been absent.
4. The students have the right to appeal if he or she feels that there were extenuating circumstances for exceeding the allowable number of absences or for being cut out of class

and receiving an "F" for the course. Within TEN school days of the notice of being cut out of class, the student must submit in writing the reason for the appeal to the Dean of Students. The student will meet with Absentee Appeals Committee comprised of the Dean of Students, the student's instructor, the academic or vocational counselor (depending on classification of the student), a student representative and an administrator-at-large. A majority vote will be necessary for the student to be reinstated in class. Should the matter not be resolved to the student's satisfaction through the Absentee Appeals Committee, the student has the right to appeal to the President of the College within 24 hours. Such appeals must be made in writing with all reasons for the appeal given. Any student requesting it, may appeal the decision of the President to the Board of Trustees. Such appeals must be made within 24 hours after the President's decision is rendered and must be in writing with all reasons for the appeal given. Appeals to the Board shall be made through the President. The last step in the appeals process will be the hearing before the Board. All appeals to the Board shall be heard in regularly scheduled meetings of the Board.

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

A student who fails to pass nine semester hours and fails to earn 18 quality points during a regular semester, will be placed on probation until the academic record meets this minimum standard. If the minimum requirements are not met for two consecutive semesters, the student will be suspended for one regular semester. If the suspension occurs at the conclusion of the spring semester, it may be removed by attending summer school and improving the record to the stated minimum. Deviation from this policy will be made only with the approval of the Academic Probation committee. The above policy will also apply to all transfer students.

COURSE CHANGE

A student desiring a course change will initiate the change with their advisor. The counselor's approval must then be secured. The change will be submitted to the Director of Admissions, Records and Research as the final step. A fee of \$5 is assessed for each change in schedule after the date a student's schedule is completed and accepted.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

Withdrawal may occur in three areas, i.e., from college, from the residence hall, or from a class. The following procedures should be followed when withdrawing in these areas.

Withdrawal from College (Voluntary) - A student who finds it necessary to withdraw from college during the semester should do so properly so that records are complete and accurate. The withdrawal procedure is as follows:

1. To officially withdraw from school, the student will begin the withdrawal procedure with the academic or vocational-technical counselor, depending on the classification of the student.
2. The counselor will contact the Librarian by telephone. However, if the student has a book(s) checked out, he or she must turn the Book(s) into the Library. The student must go by personally to the Financial Aid Director, the Director of Student Life, the Admissions Director, and the Business Office Manager to have them sign the withdrawal form.

A student who officially withdraws will receive final grades of "W" in all classes, while unofficial withdrawals will result in grades of "F." The withdrawal process must be completed one week prior to the beginning of final examinations.

Withdrawal from College (Administrative) - An administrative withdrawal may be processed for any student who is unable to follow the normal withdrawal procedure due to hospitalization, illness, disciplinary action, etc., provided an administrator or instructor initiates the procedure.

Withdrawal from the Residence Hall (During the semester) - A student who wishes to move from the dormitory must obtain a withdrawal from the dormitory supervisor. Room and board charges will continue until the student has completed the withdrawal procedure. A student should complete withdrawal from the dormitory on Friday before room and board payments are due on Monday.

Withdrawal from the Residence Hall (End-of Semester) - Students who do not plan to return to the dormitory at the end of the semester are required to complete an end-of-semester withdrawal form in order to be refunded the room deposit and the key deposit.

Withdrawal from a Class - If a student desires to drop a course, the student may do so up to five class days prior to final examination. The process begins with the student's advisor and ends in unofficial withdrawal will result in a grade of "F."

ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS

East Central Community College students who have not been enrolled in any postsecondary educational programs for a period of four consecutive years may petition the Dean of Instruction to have their prior credit records removed from consideration for determining qualifications for graduation from East Central Community College.

Any students who have changed their degree or certificate objectives, for example, from an Associate of Arts/Science degree to an Associate of Applied Science degree, or vice-versa, may petition the Dean of Instruction to apply only those courses and quality points applicable to their current degree or certificate objectives. A change of major within the same degree or certificate designation does not qualify under this policy.

For students who seek academic forgiveness and whose petitions are approved, the college will utilize only the courses and quality points earned from the time approved for forgiveness in determining the students' eligibility to graduate from East Central. For students who have changed their degree or certificate objectives, the College will utilize only those courses and quality points which apply to the degrees or certificates that they seek to receive.

The College will make notations on the students' records regarding the application of this policy. All courses taken at the College and courses transferred to and accepted by the College will remain on the students' permanent records and no guarantees will be expressed or implied regarding the transferability of the forgiven credits to other postsecondary institutions.

A student may utilize the provisions of this policy only once.

TRANSCRIPTS

It is the policy of this institution to furnish to each graduate of East Central Community College upon written request one free transcript of his/her credits earned here. If a request for a transcript occurs during the period a student is attending College, a charge of \$1 is made. All other transcripts are \$2 each.

APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR GRADES

The student's appeal must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Instruction stating the reason for the appeal. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the complaint, the Dean of Instruction will advise the student of the following steps to take:

1. The complaint will be submitted to the faculty member concerned and a time scheduled for the student to meet with that faculty member.
2. If the student/faculty hearing is unsatisfactory, the complainant may appeal to the Probation Committee.
3. If the Student-Probation Committee hearing is unsatisfactory, the complainant may appeal to the President of the College.
4. If the student-President hearing is unsatisfactory, the President's ruling may be appealed to the Board of Trustees of the College at any regular meeting provided ten (10) days notice has been given to the President so that the hearing can be scheduled on the Board's agenda.

STUDENT HOUSING

Resident Requirements for East Central Community College Students

1. Full-time single students who are receiving activity scholarships (athletic, cheerleading, band, Collegians, Centralette, flag corps) will be required to live on campus in the college's residence halls. Exceptions are made for those students who live with parents or legal guardians and commute and for those who have a substantiated medical reason for not living on campus.
2. Single students less than 21 years of age who do not receive an activity scholarship and who do not commute from their parent's or legal guardian's home must have on file in the Dean of Students' office a release statement signed by the parents/guardians granting permission to live off campus. This release statement may be obtained from the Dean of Students' office.

NOTE: The justification or reason for this policy is for the protection and security of students, parents, and school officials involved in emergency situations that might occur with the aforementioned parties.

PAYMENT FOR GRADUATION FEES

All students expecting to become candidates for degrees or certificates must file an application to graduate with the Dean of Instruction by the announced deadline date. The graduation fee will be charged to the student's account when the records are reviewed, and the student is accepted as a candidate for graduation. No refund of the graduation fee will be made after the student has been accepted as a candidate for graduation and the student's account has been charged.

RETURN CHECK POLICY

A \$25.00 service charge will be assessed on all checks returned to East Central Community College by a bank. After two (2) checks have been returned on an account, future payments must be made by cash or certificate check.

ORGANIZATIONS

Numerous extracurricular clubs are provided on the campus for the enjoyment and enrichment of the students. These clubs will meet at Activity Period on specified Tuesdays and are sponsored by instructors who are interested in and informed about the particular field. Each student is encouraged to participate in at least one of these clubs. A Special Interest Club may be organized by any group of interested students and must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have at least fifteen (15) prospective members;
2. Must have a faculty sponsor;
3. Must submit an acceptable constitution and a statement of purpose to the Dean of Students' Office;
4. Must be approved by the SBA officers and the Dean of Students; and
5. Must obtain final approval from the Dean of Students, the Dean of Instruction, and the President of the College.

AC'CENTS

The Ac'cents is a select vocal ensemble which performs for civic clubs, churches, and schools. Members are selected through auditions in March of each year. Positions not filled at that time will be filled during the first two weeks of the fall semester. Mr. Charles Hinson is the director.

PASTE

The Association of Child Development Technology provides a means for persons interested in young children to work together to increase their knowledge of early childhood education, bring relevant issues about the needs of young children to the attention of the public, and improve the health and educational standards for group care of children. The sponsor is Mrs. Mary Ann Wright.

ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON

The purpose of this organization is to promote the social and economic welfare of the engineer, to stimulate public service in the profession, to encourage and develop the efficiency of the engineer, to promote unity in the profession, and to make further study of the industrial arts opportunities in allied fields. Anyone majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts is eligible for membership. Alpha Alpha Epsilon is sponsored by Dr. Shelby Harris.

BAND

Among the many facets of the band are the marching band, the concert band, the jazz band, the orchestra, the Centralettes, and the Collegians. Membership is by audition. The bands are directed by Mr. Tom Carson.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The BSU seeks to reach students for the Christian life through worship, Bible study, missions,

conferences, retreats, and personal witness. The activities are promoted through the Baptist Student Center located across the street from the campus and is under the direction of Mr. Scott Vaughn. Hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Meetings are held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. as well as a noonday luncheon Wednesday, (12:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.).

CHEERLEADERS

There are two ECCC Cheerleading Squads, a football and a basketball squad. Selections to the Cheerleading Squads are made each spring semester by a visiting cheerleader delegation, usually a university cheerleader panel. The sponsor is Mrs. Virginia Pace.

COLLEGIANS

The Collegians is a select pop group composed of singers and instrumentalists. The group is open to the student body by audition during September of each year and has opportunities for numerous types of performances on campus and in the five-county area. Mr. Tom Carson is the director.

DIAMOND GIRLS

The purpose of the Diamond Girls Squad is to provide an opportunity for girls interested in baseball to become a part of the ECCC baseball program. The Diamond Girls sponsor is Mrs. Lanette Hanna.

ECCC CONCERT CHOIR

The Concert Choir is organized for the purpose of providing all interested students an opportunity to sing four-part choral music of various styles and periods. This group performs a Christmas and a Spring Concert each year and also attends the Mississippi Junior/Community College Choral Festival. Mr. Charles Hinson is the director.

ECCC GOSPEL CHOIR

The purpose of this organization is to give students who are interested in gospel music a chance to participate in a choir on campus and in the five-county area. The organization is sponsored by Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson.

ECCC PLAYERS

The purpose of the ECCC Players is to provide an opportunity for those interested in dramatics to participate in various types of plays and programs. The ECCC Players' sponsor is Lila Hunt.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Members of the Freshman Class are classified as full-time students who have completed less than 28 semester hours of college work. The Freshman Class Officers are comprised of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The sponsor of the Freshman Class is Randall E. Lee, the Dean of Students.

HOSA

Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) is an organization designed to help health occupation students acquire the knowledge, skills, and behavior essential in preparing for a health career. Membership is open to all students enrolled in health occupation courses. The instructors in the Surgical Technology and Practical Nursing program and the College nurse are sponsors of HOSA.

INTRAMURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of this organization is to assist the Intramural Sports Director. The sponsor for the Intramural Council is Mr. Mike Anderson.

MEN'S RESIDENCE HALL COUNCILS

The purpose of these organizations are to assist the Director of Student Life in directing the men's dormitories which include Neshoba, Scott, Todd, and Winston Halls. This organization is sponsored by Joe Killens, the Director of Student Life.

MU ALPHA THETA

This organization seeks to develop a keener interest in mathematics, develop sound scholarship in the subject and promote enjoyment of mathematics among junior college students. It is sponsored by Mrs. Lois McMullan.

NATIVE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Comprised of Native American students, this organization seeks to provide a support group and means for expressing concerns. Mrs. Gloria Johnson and Mrs. Gail Wood are the sponsors.

NEWMAN CLUB

This organization is for interested Catholic students. This sponsor is Ms. Cathy Carucci.

NEW DIRECTIONS

Students over the age of 24 are steadily increasing in number. Many times students returning to school after having been out of high school for several years and want to talk to others in an informal setting. This organization seeks to provide that forum. Mr. Bill Lovett is the sponsor.

PHI BETA LAMBDA

This club is organized for business students. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general. This organization is sponsored by Mrs. Elizabeth Breland.

PHI THETA KAPPA

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character, and to cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is by invitation only. Minimum standards for invitation are: 3.5 GPA earned as a full-time student with an over-all GPA of 3.5. This organization is sponsored by Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris.

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

The President's Council was organized during the 1985 school year by Dr. Eddie M. Smith. The

purpose of this organization is to establish better communications between the student organizations on campus and the President's office. Sponsors are Dr. Eddie M. Smith and Mr. Randall E. Lee.

SADD

The aim of this organization, Students Against Driving Drunk, is to provide progress for young people with a commitment, to resolve the problem of drinking and driving. Miss Angela Luke is the sponsor of this organization.

SCHOLARS BOWL

The purpose of the Scholars Bowl is to give students an opportunity to participate in the South Mississippi and the Ole Miss Scholars Bowl competition. Team members will be questioned in basic areas of science, mathematics, humanities, fine arts, and social sciences. Tryouts for the team are held in the fall. The advisor for the Scholars Bowl team is Mrs. Linda Pierce.

SIGMA SIGMA MU TAU

The purpose of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is to present programs on medical opportunities, to conduct tours of surrounding hospitals and to obtain information from schools that would be of interest to students who are majoring in medical fields. It is sponsored by Mr. Ron Davis.

SOPHOMORE OFFICE

Members of the Sophomore Class are classified as full-time students who have completed 28 or more hours of college work. The Sophomore Class Officers are comprised of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The sponsor of the Sophomore Class is Randall E. Lee, the Dean of Students.

STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Student Education Association is to give the student practical experience in teacher-teacher and teacher-student relations. This organization is sponsored by Miss Lucille Wood.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Students interested in business careers can join this organization. A variety of projects related to the business world are undertaken. The sponsor is Mrs. Wanda Moore.

VICA

The purpose of VICA is to foster a wholesome understanding of the functions of labor/management organizations and a recognition of their mutual interdependence, and to create among students, faculty members, patrons of the school and persons in industry a sincere interest in and esteem for trade, industrial, technical and health occupations education. The sponsor is Mr. Lester Miles.

WARRIOR CORPS

The Warrior Corps is a special group of students chosen by a special Selection Committee to represent East Central Community College with recruiting endeavors and special events. These students must have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average and must reflect the character and

integrity of East Central Community College, The Warrior Corps is sponsored by Mr. Michael Alexander, the Academic Counselor.

WESLEY FOUNDATION

The Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, is a fellowship of college students, regardless of denominational relationships, desiring to enrich and deepen their Christian experiences, fellowship, worship, Bible study, prayer and personal work, thereby assisting everyone to become more Christ-like in all human relationships. Meetings are held weekly. All students are welcome to visit at any time. The sponsor of the Wesley Foundation is Rev. John Travelbee.

WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALL COUNCILS

The purpose of this organization is to assist the dormitory supervisors in directing the women's dormitories which include Jackson, Newsome and Leake Hall. This organization meets weekly and is sponsored by the dormitory supervisors, Ms. Carolyn Haralson and Ms. Betty Adcock.

STUDENT ELECTIONS

In order to be eligible for positions of distinction or officer of the Student Body Association, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and must be free of any action pending or taken by the Discipline Committee.

HOMEcoming ELECTION

Homecoming Queen - Nominees must have passed 28 semester hours with a 2.00 GPA.

Maid of Honor - First alternate to Homecoming Queen automatically becomes Maid of Honor.

Sophomore Maids - Nominees must have passed 28 semester hours with a 2.00 GPA. Three sophomore maids will be elected.

Freshman Maids - Nominees must be enrolled full-time. Three freshman maids will be elected.

WHO'S WHO ELECTION

Mr. and Miss ECCC - Nominees must have passed 40 semester hours and have a 2.00 GPA.

Sophomore Class Favorites - Nominees must have passed 40 semester hours and have a 2.00 GPA. Three men and three women will be elected. The first alternate to Mr. and Mrs. ECCC will automatically become a Sophomore Class Favorite and therefore, they will become the fourth Sophomore Class Favorite.

Freshman Class Favorites - Three men and three women will be elected. Nominees must have passed 12 semester hours with a 1.50 GPA.

Most Handsome and Four Beaus - Nominees must be enrolled as full-time students and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

To be eligible to run for president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer, a student must have completed at least 12 semester hours, be enrolled as a full-time student, and must have maintained a 2.00 GPA.

ECCC BEAUTY PAGEANT

The ECCC Beauty Pageant will be held annually. A panel of judges will select the most Beautiful

and four Beauties. Entrants must be enrolled as full-time students and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

ELECTION OF CLASS OFFICERS

Freshman Candidates - To be eligible to run for president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer must be enrolled as full-time students and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

Sophomore Candidates - To be eligible to run for president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer must have a 2.0 GPA and must have passed at least 28 semester hours and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

HONORS

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES

East Central Community College takes an active part in nominating students for Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges. The Scholarship Committee will consider students who meet the following qualifications: scholarship, participation and leadership in extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the school, and promise of future usefulness. All nominees must be sophomores.

HALL OF FAME

Membership in East Central Community College's Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive at East Central Community College. Nominees must be graduating sophomores. Nominations may be made by college students, faculty members, administrators, or staff members of the College. Nominations are then screened by a committee of twenty students. Selection is made by a faculty committee which looks at scholarship, character, leadership, participation in extracurricular activities, contribution to the school, and potential in making its decision.

The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Tom-Tom. Pictures of students elected to the Hall of Fame are hung in the entrance of Huff Auditorium.

PUBLICATIONS

East Central Community College has two publications under the sponsorship of faculty members. Student participation is on a voluntary basis.

TOM-TOM

The Tom-Tom is the official campus newspaper. Staff members get experience in business as well as journalism. The Tom-Tom staff meets regularly at specified times. Anyone interested in journalism should see the sponsor, Mrs. Virginia Pace.

WO-HE-LO

The Wo-He-Lo is the pictorial record of school life on the campus each year. The Wo-He-Lo meets regularly at specified times. Anyone wishing to be a part of the yearbook staff should talk with the sponsors, Mrs. Patsy Moore or Mrs. Melinda Smith, during the registration period.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD

The student ID card is the student's official school identification. It **MUST** be carried at all times and **MUST** be shown for identification upon request of any school official. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Lending of this card to anyone or failing to present it when requested by a school official is a violation of policy and subjects the holder to disciplinary action.

This card must be presented when receiving a yearbook, voting in school elections, selling books in the bookstore, checking out library books, entering athletic events and activities, eating in the cafeteria or Student Grill, and carrying out all business office transactions.

This card becomes void upon termination of enrollment.

Lost cards should be reported to the Dean of Students. There will be a replacement fee of \$10.

STUDENT HOUSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. When a student enrolls in school, he/she agrees to accept the policies that govern dormitory life. Failure to observe these policies and regulations subjects the students to disciplinary action. The decision in this matter is the responsibility of those in charge of the dormitories. Any failure to respond to a disciplinary action makes the student ineligible to live in the dormitory.
2. Students dropping below 12 semester hours will be required to move from the dormitory.
3. Residents of campus apartments and the dormitories will not be allowed to keep pets of any kind.
4. Students will not be permitted to display collections composed of alcoholic containers, obscene pictures, etc., in the dormitory.
5. Any change in room assignments must have the approval of the student's dormitory supervisor for females and the Director of Student Life for males.
6. Outside antennas for radio, television, etc., are not permitted. Under no circumstances are students allowed to erect antennas or walk on the roof of any building.
7. All dormitories will be closed on the following schedule:

Labor Day	Friday at 4:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving	Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
Christmas	2:00 p.m. on the day of the last examination
Martin Luther King	Friday at 4:00 p.m.
Spring Holidays	Friday at 4:00 p.m.
Easter	Thursday at 4:00 p.m.
Close of School	4:00 p.m. on the day of the last examination
All dormitories will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday prior to the beginning of school and at 4:00 p.m. on holiday weekends.	

8. Students are reminded that the intercom system, washers, and dryers are not to be used after midnight. Telephones also will not be used after midnight unless an emergency arises.
9. Students returning to the campus after 2:00 a.m. must surrender their ID card and complete a form. The procedure listed below will be followed:

First Offense - The student will be called to the Director of Student Life's office and be placed on probation.

Second Offense - The student will be required to appear before the Discipline committee whose decision could result in dismissal from the dormitory, dismissal from school, or some other sanction with a letter of information sent to the parents.

10. Appliances will be permitted in the dormitories.
11. There will be a systematic room inspection in each dorm room at a time to be announced each week at which time rooms must be clean, neat and attractive. Failure to pass room inspection will result in a class "C" offense. Furniture is inventoried for each room and the lobby and the furniture must not be moved from these areas. Students will not be permitted to move additional furniture to the dormitory without the permission of the dormitory supervisor. Furniture will be inventoried at the end of the semester and students will be charged for damaged or missing furniture.
12. Open house will be observed in all residence halls during Homecoming activities and during Awards Day activities.
13. Visitors will be allowed in the lobby of the women's dormitories only when accompanied by a female at all times during the following published hours:
 - 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Sunday - Thursday
 - 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday
14. Quiet hours will be observed in all dormitories during the following hours:
 - 10:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Sunday - Thursday
 - 12:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Friday - Saturday
15. Dormitory rooms will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, depending upon room availability, any student may choose a dormitory, roommate, and a particular room.
16. Members of the opposite sex are not allowed in the residence halls except during periods of published open house.
17. Any overnight visitors must be approved and registered by the dormitory supervisor and the Director of Student Life. Violation of this regulation constitutes a class "B" offense and results in a \$50 dollar fine from both male and female students.
18. Dormitory students are held responsible for their rooms, hallway, or bathroom and will be assessed for any damages done. Windows must be free of signs, window darkeners, etc.
19. Abandoned articles will be discarded after two weeks (14 consecutive days.)
20. College property, i.e. beds, chairs, etc., may not be moved from your assigned room.
21. Children are not allowed to stay overnight in the dormitories.

PARKING/VEHICLE REGULATIONS

Students having a vehicle on campus must register the vehicle and obtain a parking permit from the Dean of Students' office. The student must complete a registration form which will include the tag number and pay the required \$5 fee. **ALL PARKING PERMITS MUST BE PLACED**

ON THE RIGHT REAR BUMPER OF THE VEHICLE. A penalty fee will be charged for anyone not buying a parking permit or any one parked in a no-parking zone.

The following regulations apply to all persons operating vehicles on the college campus:

1. Motor vehicles must be operated in a responsible and prudent manner at all times.
2. Intentionally impeding or endangering normal pedestrian or vehicle traffic is prohibited.
3. The maximum speed limit on campus is 15 mph. Speed should be reduced as weather and road conditions dictate.

4. Pedestrians have the right of way at all times.
5. All motor vehicles must have mufflers in proper working order. Excessive noise is prohibited. Excessive radio noise is prohibited.
6. Motorcycles should be operated on the campus roads only. All state laws governing the operation of motorcycles should be observed.
7. The operation of three-wheelers is prohibited anywhere on campus.
8. All parked vehicles must be properly registered and in operable condition.
9. Individuals should refrain from parking in restricted areas. **PARKING TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED!** The price of the parking ticket will double if not paid within five working days at the Business Office. Restricted areas include:
 - A. Areas where signs indicate "NO Parking", "Handicapped", etc.;
 - B. Any area marked with yellow paint;
 - C. Sidewalks or lawns;
 - D. Blockage of sidewalk access; and,
 - E. Front of trash dumpsters.
10. The parking lot behind Newsome Hall is **OFF LIMITS** to all male students. The parking lot behind Todd Hall and Winston Hall is **OFF LIMITS** to all females. The parking lot between Neshoba Hall and Scott Hall is **OFF LIMITS** to all females. Violators will be charged a class "C" offense.

**STUDENTS MAY PARK ONLY IN AREAS DESIGNATED BY THEIR PARKING PERMIT!
ALL VEHICLES REGISTERED AS DORMITORY MUST PARK IN AREAS MARKED FOR
DORMITORY PARKING!**

SPORTSMANSHIP CONDUCT

This code is offered as a guide in promoting sportsmanship while a student and spectator at East Central Community College activities. All students are reminded that any unruly situation could result in immediate probation for East Central in which the activity in which the violation occurs. A detailed set of instructions is listed in the Mississippi College Activities Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

1. Officials will be considered the final authorities in decision-making.
2. Athletes from visiting colleges and their fans should be treated with respect.
3. Pride should be taken in promoting good sportsmanship among spectators and players.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This is one of the most important aspects of college life. As you know, East Central is a state, district and community supported college. As such, it is only logical that the residents of the college district should hold certain expectations of the students as well as of the faculty, staff, and administration. It is with this in mind, that the following regulations of student conduct have been developed.

Recognizing that freedom of individuals is never absolute, but is subject to reasonable restrictions, the College expects students to conform to recognized standards of behavior and to give serious attention to their class work. Further, these behavioral regulations are in effect at all times on campus or whenever a student is representing East Central or whenever a student is being transported in a college owned or sponsored vehicle. (Please refer to Disciplinary Procedures for your rights under these regulations.)

STUDENT REGULATIONS

1. East Central takes pride in the appearance of its campus; therefore, students are to put trash and soft drink cans in the trash cans conveniently located throughout the campus. The Student Center and the dormitory lobbies are for the students' leisure time and enjoyment; therefore, students are to assist in keeping them clean.
2. Additional violations of the regulations which occur while one is on probation or full restrictions is cause for dismissal and will require that the violator appear before the Discipline Committee.
3. Smoking is permitted in dormitory rooms only if all roommates consent to allowing smoking.
4. In case of illness students should notify the College Nurse at once so that arrangements can be made for necessary medical attention. In case of serious illness a physician will be called and parents will be notified. Students will be responsible for their own medical bills. In case of illness at night, the dormitory supervisor should be contacted.
5. The College will assume no responsibility for loss of personal property due to theft, fire, or natural disaster.
6. The Student Center and the Library will close at 9:30 p.m., the Activity Center will close at 9:30 p.m., and the doors to Jackson and Newsome Halls will be locked at midnight. Loitering on campus after midnight is prohibited, and students returning to campus after 2:00 a.m. will be required to surrender their ID cards.
7. Violating any Decatur, Newton County, state of Mississippi, or federal statute on campus is a violation of campus regulations and the violator will be required to appear before the proper authorities for disciplinary action.

Violations will be grouped into three main categories. All class "A" offenses will result in immediate and permanent dismissal from living on campus for dorm students and a discipline hearing for all students. Any combination of two class "B" offenses in one school year will result in immediate and permanent dismissal from campus living for dorm students and a discipline hearing for all students. Any two class "C" offenses will equal one class "B" offense.

Any offense that is not listed below will be assigned a class rating by the Dean of Students.

CLASS "A" OFFENSES

Assault
Stealing
Possession of Drugs
Possession of a fire arm or weapon
Pulling a false fire alarm
Failure to obey the direct order of a school official
(Including dorm supervisors and security officers)
Academic Dishonesty, Cheating, or Plagiarism

CLASS "B" OFFENSES

Possession of Alcohol
Unauthorized Entry of Dorms
Harassing Other Students
Fighting
Firecrackers
Violations of the Standard Norms of Group Behavior in the Cafeteria

CLASS "C" OFFENSES

Failing Room Inspection

Throwing Foreign Objects at Dorms or Doors

Littering

Causing Any Damage to College Property

Excessive Noise/Loud Noise/Undue Noise

(Any noise that disturbs other people is excessive)

Profanity and/or Vulgarity (Includes Music With Obscene Lyrics)

Male Students Being in Parking Lot Behind Newsome Hall

Entering and/or exiting dormitories via the emergency doors in non-emergency situations

Unauthorized exiting of the dormitory after the dormitory has been closed

Female Student Present in Parking Lot Behind Todd and Winston Hall and Between Scott and Neshoba Hall

Any class "C" offense carries a \$25 fine; any class "B" offense carries a \$50 fine; and, any class "A" offense has no fine attached. However, all students committing a class "A" offense will be required to appear before the Disciplinary Committee and face possible expulsion.

Fines are to be paid in the Business Office with the receipt given to the Director of Student Life. All unpaid fines are treated as fees by the Business Office.

Appeals must be made via the Dean of Students to the Grievance Committee within three days of the conviction. The Grievance Committee's decision may be appealed in writing to the President of the College within 24 hours. Any student requesting it may appeal the decision of the President to the Board of Trustees. Such appeals must be made within 24 hours after the President's decision is rendered and must be in writing with all reasons for the appeal given. Appeals to the Board shall be made through the President. The last step in the appeals process will be the hearing before the Board. All appeals to the Board shall be heard in regularly scheduled meetings of the Board.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Violations of campus regulations which could result in suspension from the college will be considered by the five (5) member Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee membership shall include a faculty member as chair, the academic counselor, the vocational counselor, a Student Body Association representative, and a faculty member of the opposite sex and race, when possible, of the chair of the Committee.

Disciplinary actions or complaints may be brought by either students or school personnel. Such actions or complaints must be presented to the Director of Student Life, who shall prepare a written account of the violation, i.e., an Incident Report.

The following procedures will be followed:

1. The decision to convene the Discipline Committee will be based on the nature of the offense as outlined in the handbook or the habitual offender criteria. These determinations will be made by the Dean of Students in consultation with the Director of Student Life.
2. The accused student will be notified in writing of the charges made and the time and place of the hearing.
3. The accused student will be informed of his/her rights at the same time they are notified of the charges.
4. The accused student will be present during the entire presentation of the evidence and may question the parties initiating the charges and the witnesses except when the accused student

has pled guilty to the charges. When a guilty plea is entered, the student may not have to appear before the committee; although the committee must convene to levy possible sanctions.

5. The accused student will be allowed to have counsel at all times. This person may be a student, faculty member, or an other adult, but counsel may not speak unless granted specific permission. Counsel may only advise.
6. The accused student will respond first to the charges which have been made and the members of the Discipline Committee will have an opportunity to ask questions.
7. Any available witnesses will be called and asked to give their version of the events. The Discipline Committee and the accused student will have the opportunity to question each witness.
8. After the presentation of evidence and the questioning of witnesses, or a guilty plea, the Discipline Committee will deliberate in private.
9. A vote will be taken on the guilt or innocence of the accused after the committee has deliberated. If the vote is "not guilty," the student shall be dismissed and no further action shall be taken. If the vote is "guilty," the accused student shall be recalled and possible sanctions and previous records will be discussed. The accused student may respond to the possible sanctions.
10. The Discipline Committee will deliberate sanctions in private. A vote will be taken on expulsion or a lesser sanction after the committee has deliberated. If the vote is expulsion the action will be noted on the form. If the vote is for a lesser sanction, deliberation shall continue as to the actual sanction until there is an agreement among the majority and the action will be noted on the form.
11. The recommendation will be submitted to the Dean of Students for implementation and to the President for his information.
12. The decision of the Discipline Committee may be appealed within three days to the President. All appeals must be in writing and based on extenuating circumstances not fully considered in the hearing or on procedural matters within the hearing process.
13. If appealed to the President, he will take the matter under advisement. A meeting with the student making the appeal and the Dean of Students will be part of the appeals procedure.
14. The decision of the President may be appealed to the Board of Trustees. This appeal must be initiated within 24 hours of the decision made by the President. The appeal must be requested in writing and will be placed on the agenda of the next regular monthly board meeting.
15. If a decision of the Discipline Committee is appealed the imposition of the sanction may be held in abeyance at the discretion of the Dean of Students. Under circumstances which involve a clear threat to the health and safety of individuals, the sanctions will go into effect immediately.

NOTE: The Dean of Students has the authority to designate a Special Discipline Committee when it is not feasible to convene the regularly appointed committee.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of East Central Community College, in cooperation with the faculty and administration, and within those limits prescribed by the Board of Trustees, adopt the following constitution:

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Body Association of East Central Community College.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be:

1. To conduct and promote interest in student elections;
2. To promote order and suitable conditions for the intellectual;
3. To maintain cordial relations between faculty and students;
4. To promote the responsibility of hospitality on our campus;
5. To promote the awareness of rights and responsibilities as citizens of a democratic society.

Article III - Meetings

Meetings shall be held on call of the President of the Association or by request of the Council.

Article IV - Membership

The membership of this Association shall be all who register as full-time students at East Central Community College.

Article V - Officers

Section I - Officers of the Association shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Article VI - Advisors

The faculty advisor shall be appointed by the President of the College

Article VII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be presented by the Student Body Association or by fifty (50) students bringing it to the SBA who will in turn present it to the Association. Any amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the student body and the College President before it can be adopted.

BY-LAWS

Article I - Officers and Committees

Section I - Duties of Officers and Committees:

1. The President shall call and preside over all meetings of the Student Body Association and shall appoint necessary committees.
2. The Vice-President shall take charge of all duties of the President in the absence of the President.
3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all Student Body Association meetings, lists of all officers and committees, and shall handle all necessary correspondence.
4. The Treasurer shall be in charge of all finances, and shall keep accurate records.
5. The Student Body Association shall have the legislative powers of the Association and shall propose amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
6. Other committees shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Student Body Association as the need arises.

Section II - Eligibility of Officeholders:

1. Students must have at least a "C" average to be eligible to hold office.
2. Students must have no disciplinary action on record or pending to be eligible to hold office.

Article II - Election of Officers

Elections of officers of the Association shall be under the supervision of the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students shall prescribe the time and manner of election of the officers of the Student Body Association. The officers of the Association for the succeeding year shall be elected during the latter part of April of each year.

Article III - Vacancies

Section I - If the President's office is vacated, the Vice-President shall take over his office and a new Vice-President shall be elected.

Section II - If the President's and Vice-President's office are vacated, a special election shall be held to fill these vacancies.

NOTICE OF COLLEGE POLICY AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

East Central Community college is in compliance with provisions granted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Under this law, students enrolled in any educational institution receiving federal funds are given certain rights concerning school records.

1. Students are entitled to have access to school records upon request.
2. Request for access to records concerning academic grades, transcripts and absences should be filed with the Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.
3. Students are entitled to inspect and review the contents of their school records and to challenge the contents if they feel the contents are inaccurate, misleading, or contain inappropriate data. If a student wishes to challenge the contents, the Director of Admission, Records and Research will provide a written copy of procedures to be followed.
4. Before any school records will be released to third parties the school must have the student's written consent.
5. Upon receipt of a subpoena or judicial order requiring the Director of Admission, Records and Research and/or Dean of Students to relinquish control of a student's record, the student will be notified of the subpoena or judicial order before the Director of Admissions, Records and Research and/or Dean of Students will relinquish control of the record.
6. The law allows "directory information" about students to be made public without specific permission. Students are entitled, however, to request the deletion of certain information from school directories. Any request for deletion of directory information must be made within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of registration. Forms for requesting the deletion of information may be secured from the Office of the Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.
7. The school will maintain a list containing the signature and the date of non-school personnel having access to the student's record. The law allows school officials, including instructors, to have access to a student's record.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS

Any student who wishes to make a complaint to East Central Community College about a college program, a service of the College, an employee of the college, or any other aspect of the college should follow the procedures provided in this policy.

The student should first discuss the problem with the faculty member, staff member, or administrator involved prior to initiating formal complaint procedures under this policy. If informal efforts are not productive or appropriate in resolving the complaint, the student should follow the procedures enumerated herein.

Students who wish to complain about academic or non-academic matters should contact the Dean of Students. The complaint must be in writing and either be hand delivered or mailed to the Dean of Students, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327; telephone (601) 635-2111, ext. 204.

All complaints will be handled by the Dean of Students or referred to the appropriate college official for response. College personnel who are not directly involved in the alleged problem will review the facts and make the final determination regarding the complaint. Students have the right to use the due process procedures contained in policy 5.5.2.23. No adverse action will be taken against a student filing a complaint under the provisions of this policy solely on the basis of the complaint filed.

East Central Community College shall maintain comprehensive records of all complaints received for a period of five years. The records shall contain aggregate data on complaints and specific data on each complaint. Documentation required to support this policy shall be maintained in the Dean of Students office and will contain the following:

1. The *Student Handbook*, the *College Catalog*, and the *Policy and Procedures Manual*;
2. All letters of complaint and/or appeal;
3. Written determinations of complaints;
4. All materials related to complaint processing and determination; and
5. A log of complaints.

A log of all complaints will include the following information and will be maintained in the Dean of Students office.

1. A complaint number assigned to each complaint preceded by the last two digits of the calendar year in which the complaint was filed, e.g., 94-001;
2. The date of receipt of the complaint;
3. The name and address of the complainant;
4. The name of the individual(s) assigned to handle the complaint;
5. The dates of response to the complaint;
6. The date of resolution; and
7. The final disposition of the complaint.

An individual file for each complaint will be maintained in the Dean of Students' office and will include the following information.

1. The initial complaint;
2. All correspondence related to the complaint; and
3. Written documentation of the final determination with the signatures of the party or parties who submitted the complaint and the representative(s) of the institution who made the final determination

PROCEDURE FOR FILING AND APPEALING COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Complaints and grievances of an East Central Community College student arising from compliance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its amendments, Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and its amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its amendments, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990,

should first be formally presented to the Dean of Students. The complaints should be written and should be delivered either in person or by mail.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Dean of Students will schedule a hearing before a student-faculty committee within ten (10) days. This committee will be composed of the Dean of Students or the Director of Student Life, President of the SBA, Academic or Vocational Counselor as appropriate, an academic, technical, or vocational member of the faculty as appropriate, and a student-at-large.

The committee and the complainant may call such witnesses as may be required to investigate the complaint or grievance. Further, the complainant may have an advisor present during the hearing; however, the advisor may only consult with the complainant and not speak for the complainant.

If the results and/or procedure of the student-faculty committee are deemed unsatisfactory by the complainant, the complainant may appeal in writing within three days to the President of the College who will schedule a hearing within ten (10) days of the appeal.

The President's ruling may be appealed to the Board of Trustees of the College at any regular meeting provided ten (10) days notice has been given to the President so that the hearing can be scheduled on the Board's agenda. Such appeals must be made in writing and within 24 hours of the hearing before the President.

The above four (4) steps exhaust full recourse available in the College.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS

INTRODUCTION

Federal law requires that every student and employee of East Central get a copy of this brochure. The intent of the requirement is to make you aware of the risks associated with substance abuse. We have tried to include the basic information in a style which is easy to use. It is our goal that you use this information as you make personal decisions about your life.

EAST CENTRAL'S POLICIES

6.1.4.42: The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited at East Central Community College. One's employment at East Central is contingent on the acceptance of the terms of this policy, and employees engaging in such activities are subject to a review of their employment status...

5.5.2.31: ...the following regulations of student conduct have been developed...Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics or other controlled substances are prohibited and are cause for dismissal. Violators will be required to appear before the appropriate authorities for disciplinary action. (Students found guilty by the Discipline Committee are subject to expulsion from school).

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Please contact one of the following people to refer someone who needs or wants help:

Mr. Randall E. Lee, Dean of Students

Mr. Jimmy Dempsey, Vocational-Technical Counselor

Mr. Michael Alexander, Academic Counselor

Mrs. Lanette Hanna, Recruiter/Director of The Tech-Prep Career Center

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

P. O. BOX 129

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

FEDERAL SANCTIONS

Federal Trafficking Penalties

As of November 18, 1988

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CSA	PENALTY		Quantity	DRUG	Quantity	PENALTY		
	2nd Offense	1st Offense				1st Offense	2nd Offense	
I and II	Not less than 10 years. Not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than life.	Not less than 5 years. Not more than 40 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years. Not more than life.	{ 10-99 gm or 100-999 gm mixture	METHAMPHETAMINE	{ 100 gm or more or 1 kg or more mixture	Not less than 10 years. Not more than life.	Not less than 20 years. Not more than life.	
			{ 100-999 gm mixture	HEROIN	{ 1 kg or more mixture			
			{ 500-4,999 gm mixture	COCAINE	{ 5 kg or more mixture			
			{ 5-49 gm mixture	COCAINE BASE	{ 50 gm or more mixture			
	Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	{ 10-99 gm or 100-999 gm mixture	PCP	{ 100 gm or more or 1 kg or more mixture	Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of not more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.	
			{ 1-10 gm mixture	LSD	{ 10 gm or more mixture			
			{ 40-399 gm mixture	FENTANYL	{ 400 gm or more mixture			
			{ 10-99 gm mixture	FENTANYL ANALOGUE	{ 100 gm or more mixture			
			Drug	Quantity	First Offense			Second Offense
			Others ²	Any	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1 million individual, \$5 million not individual.			Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual.
III	All	Any	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.	Not more than 10 years. Fine not more than \$500,000 individual, \$2 million not individual.				
IV	All	Any	Not more than 3 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.	Not more than 6 years. Fine not more than \$500,000 individual, \$2 million not individual.				
V	All	Any	Not more than 1 year. Fine not more than \$100,000 individual, \$250,000 not individual.	Not more than 2 years. Fine not more than \$200,000 individual, \$500,000 not individual.				

Law as originally enacted states 100 gm. Congress requested to make technical correction to 1 kg. ²Does not include marijuana, hashish, or hash oil. (See separate chart.)

Federal Trafficking Penalties - Marijuana

As of November 18, 1988

Quantity	Description	First Offense	Second Offense
1,000 kg or more; or 1,000 or more plants	Marijuana Mixture containing detectable quantity*	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Not less than 20 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine not more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.
100 kg to 1,000 kg; or 100-999 plants	Marijuana Mixture containing detectable quantity*	Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
50 to 100 kg	Marijuana	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1 million individual, \$5 million other than individual. ²	Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
10 to 100 kg	Hashish		
1 to 100 kg	Hashish Oil		
50-99 plants	Marijuana		
Less than 50 kg	Marijuana	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual.	Not more than 10 years. Fine \$500,000 individual, \$2 million other than individual.
Less than 10 kg	Hashish		
Less than 1 kg	Hashish Oil		

STATE SANCTIONS

Mississippi Drug Trafficking Penalties (Except Marijuana)

	First Offense	Subsequent Offenses
Schedules I and II	Maximum jail term of 30 years or Maximum fine of \$1,000,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense See notes 1 and 2
Schedules III and IV	Maximum jail term of 20 years or Maximum fine of \$250,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense See notes 1 and 2
Schedule V	Maximum jail term of 10 years or Maximum fine of \$50,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense See notes 1 and 2

Note 1: Sale or transfer of certain amounts of marijuana and other controlled substances within a 12-month period carries a sentence of life imprisonment with no possibility of parole or suspension.

Note 2: Anyone over 21 years old convicted of sale or manufacturing of Schedule I-V drugs to a person under 21 years of age may be fined as set out above, and may be imprisoned for twice the stated time.

Mississippi Possession Penalties (Except for Marijuana)

	First Offense	Subsequent Offenses
1. Schedules I and II	Maximum jail term of 3 years or Maximum fine of \$30,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense.
2. Schedules III, IV, and V	Maximum jail term of 1 year or Maximum fine of \$5,000, or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense.

Mississippi Marijuana Penalties

- A. Trafficking
1. First offense—one ounce or less; Maximum jail term of 3 years, or Maximum fine of \$3,000, or both
 2. First offense—less than one kilogram but more than one ounce; Maximum jail term of 20 years, or; Maximum fine of \$30,000, or both
 3. First offense—one kilogram or more; Maximum jail term of 30 years, or; Maximum fine of \$1,000,000, or both
 4. Subsequent offenses—Twice the above-stated penalties
 5. See Notes 1 and 2 above
- B. Possession
1. One ounce or less
 - First Offense—fine of \$100 to \$250
 - Second Offense within 2 years—fine of \$250 and 5 to 60 days in jail and mandatory participation in drug education program
 - Third offense within 2 years—fine of \$250 to \$500 and 5 days to 6 months in jail
 2. More than one ounce but less than one kilogram
 - a. Maximum jail term of one year or maximum fine of \$1,000, or both or
 - b. Maximum jail term of 3 years or maximum fine of \$3,000 or both
 3. One kilogram or more
Maximum jail term of 20 years, or maximum fine of \$1,000,000, or both
 4. Possession in a motor vehicle of more than one gram but less than one ounce
Maximum jail term of 90 days and maximum fine of \$1,000

Mississippi Penalties for Illegal Alcohol Sales, Possession, and Driving Under the Influence

Sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age

First offense
fine of \$500 to \$1,000

Subsequent offenses
fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000, or maximum jail term of 1 year, or both

Possession or purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person under the age of 21 years
fine of \$100

Misrepresentation of age to purchase alcoholic beverages
fine of \$25 to \$500, or 30 days of community service, or both

Driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other impairing substances

- First offense—Fine of \$250 to \$1,000, or jail term of 24 hours, or both, and driver's license suspended for 90 days
- Second Offense within 5 years—Fine of \$600 to \$1,000 and jail term of 48 hours to 1 year and driver's license suspended for 2 years
- Third offense within 5 years—Fine of \$800 to \$1,000 and jail term of 30 days to 1 year and driver's license suspended for 5 years
- Fourth and subsequent offenses within 5 years—Fine of \$2,000 to \$5,000 and jail term of 90 days to 5 years and driver's license suspended for 5 years

Note: In addition to the above penalties, an individual driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and negligently causing death or injury to another, faces a maximum jail term of 10 years.

HEALTH RISKS

Drugs are chemical substances affecting both the mind and body. The use of any drug may affect an unborn child. The prolonged use of any drug may lead to physical and/or psychological dependence. An overdose of any drug may lead to death. The following list includes the various kinds of drugs, common names of drugs, and descriptions of the possible health risks. This list is not extensive, and other risks may be involved.

DRUG/STREET NAMES	HEALTH EFFECTS	SYMPTOMS
Alcohol , beer, wine, wine coolers, liquor (1-12 hours effect)	Causes depression, aggression, slurred speech, muscular incoordination. Frequent use can lead to cirrhosis of liver, pancreatitis, brain disorders, vitamin deficiencies & malnutrition. Can lead to coma or death in large quantities.	Puffiness of face, redness of eyes, depression, disorientation, shallow respiration, nausea, cold and clammy skin, Dehydration. Slurred speech. Impairs muscle coordination, memory and judgement.
Marijuana /pot, reefer, grass, THC hash, hash oil, herb, cannabis (2-4 hours effect)	Can impair memory perception and judgement by destroying brain cells. Raises blood pressure. Contains more known carcinogens (poisons) than cigarettes.	Euphoria, relaxed inhibitions disoriented behavior, staring off into space, hilarity without cause. Time distortion. Bloodshot eyes, dry mouth & throat, increased appetite. Fatigue, Hallucinations, depression.
Barbiturates, methaqualone/ quaaludes, ludes, yellow jackets, red devils, blue devils, Nembutal, Seconal, sopors, Valium Tranxene, Xanax, Librium (1-16 hours effect)	Can cause slurred speech; staggering gait; poor judgement, and slow, uncertain reflexes. Large doses can cause unconsciousness and death. Mixing of these depressants with alcohol causes thousands of accidental deaths in USA each year.	Slurred speech, disorientation, drunken behavior with no odor of alcohol. Sedation, fatigue. Deceased breathing, pulse and blood pressure.
Cocaine /coke, snow, blow, gold dust, lady, Bernice, C, toot (½ to 2 hours effect)	Causes dilated pupils, increased blood pressure, heart rate, breathing rate, & body temperature. Can cause seizures, heart attacks and death.	Apathy, anxiety, sleeplessness, paranoia, hallucinations, craving for more cocaine. Weight loss. Constant sniffing. Mood swings.
Crack Cocaine /crack, rock (5-10 minute effect)	More & stronger cocaine is getting to the brain quicker, increasing risks of cocaine use.	Same as cocaine.
Amphetamines /uppers, speed, black beauties, dexies, bennies, crystal meth, crank, crystal, ice, hearts, crossroads, white crosses, caffeine, nicotine, diet pills (½ to 2 hours effect)	Increases heart rate, breathing rate, blood pressure. High doses can cause tremors, loss of coordination & death from stroke or heart failure. Frequent use of large amounts can produce brain damage, ulcers, malnutrition, hallucinations, convulsions and coma.	Decreased appetite, dilated pupils, sleeplessness, agitation, unusual increase in activity, mood swings, paranoia, anti-social behavior, loss of appetite, anxiety, weight loss.
PCP (phencyclidine) /angel dust, killer weed, crystal cyclone, elephant tranquilizer, rocket fuel (Variable effects)	Increased heart rate, and blood pressure. Large doses can cause convulsions, comas, heart & lung failure and ruptured brain vessels. Users may show long-term effects on memory, judgement, concentration, & perception.	Sweating, dizziness, numbness, hallucinations, confusion, agitation. Violence and aggression or silence & withdrawn state. Poor perception of time and distance. Overdose can lead to death.
NARCOTICS		
Heroin /Mexican brown, China White, Persian porcelain, "H", smack, horse, junk, black tar, Codeine , Morphine , Meporidine -demerol, Opium , Paragoric, Percodan, Fentanyl, Darvon, Talwin, Tussionex (12-24 hours effect)	Repeated use can lead to infections of the heart lining & valves, skin abscesses & congested lungs. May cause nausea and vomiting. Can lead to convulsions, coma, & death.	Watery eyes, runny nose, yawning, loss of appetite, tremors, irritability panic, chills, sweating, cramps, nausea, apathy, euphoria, itching, constricted pupils, reduced vision.
Gas & Glue /rush, Locker Room, aerosol cans, poppers, snappers, amyl nitrate, gasoline, lighter fluid, whippets. (Inhaled through a saturated cloth or in a bag covering nose and mouth.) (Variable effects)	Brain damage occurs when used over a long period of time. All these chemicals carry considerable risk, particularly of cardiac arrhythmia. Nausea, vomiting. Can also cause suffocation the first time or any time used.	Lack of coordination, slurred speech, drowsiness, loss of appetite, fatigue. Hallucinations, dizziness, scrambled words & disconnected sentences. Nausea, running nose, decreased heart rate.
Hallucinogens /LSD, Mescaline, Peyote, Mesc, buttons, Psilocybin, magic mushrooms, acid, blotter-acid, MDA-love drug (3-12 hours effect)	Dilated pupils, nausea, increased blood pressure, hallucinations, stomach cramps, blackouts. Flashbacks, a recurrence of the drug effects, may be a problem for some. Overdose can lead to death.	Beady eyes, nervous, erratic behavior, laughing, crying, panic, personality changes, "sees" smells, "hears" colors. Marked depersonalization. Psychological changes can be permanent. Poor perception of time and distance. Overdose can lead to death.
MDMA /Adam, Ecstasy, X-TC (A Designer Drug: structural analogs of controlled substances.) (Variable-up to days)	Increased heart rate & blood pressure. Blurred vision, chills, sweating. Believed to cause permanent brain damage.	Confusion, depression, sleep problems, anxiety, paranoia, muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea.
Steroids (Variable effect)	Can develop liver cancer, cardiovascular problems, sterility, sexual dysfunction and stunted growth.	Similar to effects of anti-depressants and stimulants. Can increase moodiness and aggressive behavior.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse

STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT

A CAMPUS POLICY FOR REPORTING EMERGENCIES

During the regular school day students, faculty, or staff members may report emergencies of any kind by contacting the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students and the Director of Student Life maintain their offices in the Student Services Building and may be reached by telephone at 635-2111, Ext. 204 and 213. The Dean of Students or Director of Student Life will solicit the assistance of other administrative personnel or security personnel, depending upon the type of emergency. In most cases reported, the Director of Student Life will make a written report concerning the emergency and the action taken by the college.

After regular school hours students, faculty, or staff members may report emergencies to the Dean of Students or the Director of Student Life at 635-3900. Also, emergency reports should be made by students to their respective dormitory head residents or on-campus security personnel. Students will be provided with the head residents' names and telephone numbers when they move into the dormitories.

Faculty, staff and administration are advised to inform students, employees, or visitors to report any crime occurring on campus to the Security Department. An incident report is filed and crime reported to an outside law enforcement agency if the situation dictates.

CAMPUS SECURITY

The East Central Security Department maintains a procedure of campus foot and vehicle patrol during and after normal school hours. After-hours patrol is for the purpose of monitoring activities, securing facilities, and surveillance of campus facilities. Emphasis is placed upon resident halls where personnel are stationed, and patrols are made frequently.

Personnel of the East Central's Security Department are classified as security guards with primary responsibilities of supervising student conduct, monitoring campus activities, and the security of college property. The East Central Security Department maintains a close working relationship and maintains radio contact with the Newton County Sheriff's Department, the Decatur Police Department, and the Mississippi Highway Patrol. If the situation warrants, or if arrests are necessary, personnel from these agencies are dispatched.

Any maintenance items discovered while securing facilities and campus patrol are reported to the Dean of Students or the Director of Student Life who, in turn, reports such items to the Director of Maintenance for repair.

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

The Campus Security Department is a team of professionals working to provide a secure environment in which the educational mission of the College can be fully realized. The officers and staff are service-oriented and committed to the safety and well-being of those associated with East Central Community College. They provide crime prevention and control, criminal investigation, traffic and parking supervision, disaster coordination, maintenance of public order

and other related services. The officers of the department are responsible for the enforcement of state and local laws. They also work closely with the Dean of Students' Office to ensure that safety policies and procedures are uniformly executed and conveyed in a clear manner to the College's students, faculty and staff. The department's ability to function as an independent law enforcement agency enables the staff to respond to situations requiring policy assistance while still maintaining the autonomy of the College.

STUDENT ORIENTATION SESSION

Students are informed of security procedures and practices through the Student Orientation sessions. The Director of Student Life conducts dormitory discussions with all dormitory residents.

WRITTEN INFORMATION

Student Handbooks are given to all students at registration. This handbook contains information about campus traffic regulations, reporting and security procedures.

SECURITY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- * Lock the doors to their rooms at all times.
- * Refrain from allowing strangers to enter their rooms.
- * Call campus security or residence hall staff for assistance when needed.
- * Walk with others at night on campus.
- * Report suspicious persons/activities to residence hall staff or campus security immediately.
- * Report crimes immediately to campus security.
- * Take appropriate steps to secure personal property like bikes, cars, jewelry, etc.
- * Participate in security-related programs.
- * Read, understand, and abide by the College and Residence Hall Rules and Regulations.
- * Provide input to the College about how the campus can be made safer.
- * Report, in writing, instances of obscene or harassing telephone calls or conversations.
- * Provide insurance coverage for personal belongings.

DO YOUR PART!!!

**EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FEDERAL CRIME AWARENESS AND
CAMPUS SECURITY ACT STATISTICAL DATA**

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSE	CASES REPORTED	CASES CLEARED
Homicide	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0
Assault	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	1	1*
Theft	2	2*
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Reckless Driving	5	5*
Liquor Law Violations (Possession)	16	16*
Unauthorized Entry of Dormitories	22	22*
Destruction of Property	0	0

*Cases cleared via the discipline policies/procedures of East Central Community College.